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FA seeks explanation for brutality

Rome police accused of over-reacting



Police charge English fans at the Rome game

never treated like this again: He added that the FA could not be held responsible for mistakes made by the Italians. zad outside the Stadio

for the match, backed an

inquiry. The British embassy

in the Italian capital ex-

pressed its concern about the

policing of the game - which

ended 0-0 and ensured En-

gland's qualification for next

David Mellor, head of the

British Government's Football

Task Force, described the be-

year's World Cup.

Poofpall authorities will The insistence of returning supporters that they were not to blame was backed last night also went to ensure that Saturday night's trouble will not jeopardise England's bid by politicians and football authorities. Glenn Hoddle, the to host the World Cup in 2006. England coach, said that Ital-Tony Banks, the Sports ian police had provoked some Minister, who was in Rome

The FA have already been in contact with FIFA, the game's governing body, to exonerate. England supporters and to urge new security talks ahead of next summer's World Cupwhen 30,000 English fans are expected to travel to France. Graham Kelly, the FA's chief executive said We must make sure England fans are

England ians still in Rome

esterday and those returning

home complained bitterly

about the ferocity of police

baton charges during the game as well as a decision ap-

stadium for three hours after

shambles in Rome.

our ageous, saying: The Italians should be ashamed of themselves." He added that Rome's Chief of Police had totally misled an English delegation by saying supporters would be treated fairly and

An FA inquiry will centre on how tickets for Italian sections of the ground were sold to England supporters on the day of the match, and how others walked into the ground

Walker, 30, a teacher from Stafford, said: The whole organisation was a complete shambles. England fans with tickets for the away end were being sent to the Italian section of the ground. No one seemed to be checking tickets, mine wasn't even stamped — I could have had a ticket to the

Other supporters de being moved from their designated areas to an Italian section. It was there that trouble flared within moments of the kick off. Coins and drink cans were hurled back and forth across police lines.

Last night Italian police tried to shift some of the blame for the Rome policing operation on to British police. Rino Monaco, Rome's Chief of Police, said that he had been led to believe from English intelligence that 8,000 to 9,000 fans would descend on Rome but he believed the number was nearer 16,000, and many had been able to buy tickets. haviour of the police as He said that enormous efforts



Glenn Hoddle, England's coach, back home in Ascot. Police provoked the fans, he said

had been made to treat English supporters fairly, but basic force had been needed against troublemakers.

Earlier Antonio del Greco, director of police operations in Rome, had conceded yesterday that there had been mistakes in organising the match,

but he said the baton charges were justified.

Despite the intensity of the sporadic baton charges there was only one serious injury to an Italian policeman, who was treated for concussion when he was hit by a seat

Official England supporters clubs will today ask fans caught up in the violence to

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use special telephone lines to

detail the police behaviour.

Defence and trade budgets must bail out crisis-hit NHS

TWO Whitehall ministries have been told to find hundreds of millions of pounds in savings to stave off a winter

hospital crisis in the NHS.

The announcement of the emergency funding, ordered by Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, will be made by the Treasury within the next week. The final figure has not been calculated, but it is between £200 million and

£300 million. The move is designed to stop any more ward closures, prevent waiting lists going out of control and to avoid scenes similar to those that haunted the last Government: the sick sleeping on trolleys awaiting

treatment. The Ministry of Defence, which overspent its budget by £170 million last year, and the Department of Trade and Industry will have to find the money from their budgets. Extra money from the European Union will also be divert-

ed to the NHS... Only last month George Robertson, the Defence Secretary, said that his department's £20 billion was stretched to the limit. In the Budget, the Chancellor said that he would raid the contingency reserve to provide £1 bil-lion in extra funding for the health service next year. But the emergency payment is in response to warnings of serious problems in hospitals this winter. Rising health authority debts have threatened widespread bed closures and the cancellation of thousands

of operations. Christine Hancock, General Secretary of the Royal College of Nursing, welcomed the cash injection. She said: This is a significantly useful contribution. Of course we would have liked more, but with good targeting and co-ordina-tion this should really help this winter."

James Johnson, chairman of the British Medical Association consultants' committee, said that the extra funding had to be made available quickly if problems were to be

He said that extra beds had to be opened now to ensure that hospitals could cope with emergency admissions, which always rose over the winter. "I earnestly hope the extra money can be released to the NHS now so that some wards that have been mothballed can be reopened and additional staff recruited."

Peter Lilley, the Shadow Chancellor, said that the move was a U-turn that should have been announced to Parliament. "It is a result of the Labour Government's own actions, which are increasing NHS costs and burdens so that spending plans will no provide so much patient care." Sir George Young, Shadow Defence Secretary, said: "The Defence Secretary must now spell out exactly how these new cuts in the budget will be met."

Alistair Darling, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, denied that the Defence Ministry's frontline capability would be affected. "I am making it clear to George Robertson and to all my colleagues that they have got to ensure their depart-ments are run efficiently."

The Defence Ministry said that when Mr Robertson said his budget was stretched to the limit, he was aware that the Chancellor was about to raid

Blair to meet Adams today

fony Blair will today become he first British Prime Miniser to meet an Irish republican leader in 76 years when he comes face to face with Gerry Adams behind closed doors. in an interview with The Times Mr Adams has spoken Mr Blair's

EU approval

Britain will be awarded high mion today for progress in bringing its economy into line for qualifying for economic and monetary union _ Page 9 Janet Bush, page 48

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The Messerschmitt 109 fighter which crash landed after developing engine trouble

Air show Messerschmitt crash lands near M11

BY DES BURKINSHAW AND JOHN SHAW

THE last flying Messer-schmitt 109 fighter crashed in a field during an air show yesterday on what was already expected to have been its last flight

The plane ended up upside down close to the Mil near the Duxford Imperial War Museum, Cambridgeshire. where it had been one of the star attractions at the Autumn Air Show. The pilot, Air-Chief Marshal Sir John Allison

He managed to clear the motorway but then overshot the airstrip. As it touched down in a field, the Messerschmitt flipped on to its back. leaving Sir John dangling by his harness. He stayed in the plane until it was righted by a crane rather than being cut out by firemen, to save further damage to the foselage. Sir John, 54, was said to

have flown the Messerschmitt

"countless times" before. The deputy Commander-in-Chief of RAF Strike Command from 1994-96, he has since held the post of Air Member for Logistics and Air Officer Commander-in-Chief Logistics Command. He was knighted in 1995 and is a keen restorer of vintage cars and

The plane was owned by the Ministry of Defence and worth an estimated £1 million. lts future was to have been reviewed this week after concerns were raised about its airworthiness:

Frank Crosby, marketing manager at Duxford, said: The aircraft appeared to be coming into land when it developed an engine problem. down in a field.

The pilot decided to do an emergency landing and came Mark Nicholls, an archivist with Flypast magazine, said:

"As he was coming in it was trailing thin blue smoke. By the time he came to land, the engine seemed to be dead and it looked as though he was trying to glide it." The event, which also fea-

tured five Spitfires, was attended by Lady Bader, widow of Group Captain Douglas Bader who was stahoned at the airfield during the Battle of Britain in 1940.

The Messerschmitt Bf 109G, known as a Gustav, was built in 1942 and became a popular attraction at air shows. Experts who worked on it believed it was about to be grounded and put on display at the RAF Museum. Hendon, North London.

It saw action in the Western Desert before being captured by Australians and put into storage. After being spotted in 1972 and restored, it flew again m.1991.

£20m fund will speed dismissal of bad teachers

By DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

A FUND of nearly £20 million is being prepared by the Government to help schools to speed up the sacking of the country's worst teachers, The Times has learnt. Ministers plan to offer the

money to head teachers so that they can remove incompetent staff from the classroom and hire temporary teachers to Stephen Byers, the Schools Standards Minister, believes

the fund will encourage schools to make proper use of the proposed "fast-track" dismissal procedures, agreed by employers and unions earlier this month. Under this process, the

worst teachers will be given a month to improve after being identified as incompetent. If they fail to do so, they will be given notice, which could be anything up to three months. The government fund will enable heads to bring in supply teachers straight away so sacked staff do not have to work the notice, in effect speeding dismissal.

Mr Byers believes £17 million will be needed, based on a projection by the Local Government Association that about 2,000 teachers stand to lose their jobs under the "fasttrack" measures. This would cover the £100-a-day cost of 2,000 supply teachers for up to three months each.

Graham Lane, chairman of the National Employers Organisation for School Teachers, said: The money would be very helpful and would certainly get things moving quickly. I would not be surprised if it meant 2,000 teachers were not teaching by next Easter."

He added: "The vast majority of teachers who are doing a very good job do not want to be working with these teachers. Why should 98 per cent of the profession constantly feel they are being attacked because 2 per cent cannot do a good job?"

The Department for Education and Employment is considering details of the "fasttrack" agreement between unions and employers before publishing the final scheme later this year, when the fund is likely to be announced.

Doug McAvoy, general sec-retary of the National Union of Teachers, said that the grading of teachers in Ofsted inspections suggested fewer than 1,000 out of 440,000 were at the lowest competency level. He added: "One of the ridic-

ulous situations has been that, because of the way school budgets are structured, there is not enough money to dismiss someone and pay them three months pay. You get the nonsense of a teacher identified as not doing a decent job but still doing the job in front of the children. This is not a situation which would exist in commerce or industry."

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers. said: "Once a teacher has been found to be beyond the pale, it is in everyone's interests that they should not be left to serve out between two and three months' notice."

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AND JILL SHERMAN

WILLIAM HAGUE is facing a showdown with senior Tory backbenchers who have launched an attempt to block sweeping reforms, including a vote for grassroot members in leadership contests It emerged last night that

the shake-up of the party will be far more radical than had been envisaged. Plans are also being considered to change the face of the annual party conference. Mr Hague is being urged to scrap the traditional four-day format and replace it with a two-andhalf-day gathering which would end on Saturday.

The move is an attempt to attract younger people and It would have a further benefit of diluting the "blue rinse" image of the annual gather-ing; the average age of mem-bers of Conservative

Kenneth Clarke ruled out a move to Brussels yesterday and said he would follow Sir Edward Heath's example by remaining on the Tory backbenches. The speculation over his future was fuelled by two EU foreign ministers who said he would be a good candi-date for EU President. Mr Clarke insisted he was happy combining his role as a backbench MP with jobs in the City.

most halving their say in future elections

At present only MPs choose the leader but Mr Hague wants to give up to 40 per cent

dome, who has been criticised

Tories to oppose Greenwich dome

By ANDREW PIERCE

critical of the proposed U-turn yesterday on the £750 million scheme which is being funded THE Tory leadership is reconsidering its support for the Millennium Dome because of from the National Lottery. alarm over rising costs.

With the first of the dozen But one senior Tory said 300-metre yellow masts due last night: "On a temperature to go up on the Greenwich site gauge the degree of enthusiasm for this in the Shadow in southeast London this week, it emerged that support has evaporated in the Shadow Cabinet would not get into double figures." Tory MPs want the money to be spent on smaller projects to benefit all

The widely expected move to reverse the Tory manifes-to's support for the project. Mr Hague's opposition could be popular with voters which was conceived by John Major's Government, would as opinion polls show overput William Hague at odds whelming doubts about the with Michael Heseltine. expense. The strategy would also be designed to put pres-sure on Peter Mandelson, the The former Deputy Prime Minister, who championed minister in charge of the

the cause in the last Government, has accepted a role as a from Tony Blair. He was ahead with the scheme.

64. Despite the success of last week's conference, where activists clamoured for a decisive say in leadership contests, a group of influential MPs is determined to scupper Mr Hague's favoured plan of al-

committee, Mr Hague could reform process would be baddamaged. Another member the committee said: 'The 1922 nominated and chose Mr Hague. He is responsible to his electorate. We have never been in this position before but there is nothing the leader can do if we outvote him."

MEPs. Leading figures on the executive of the 1922 Commit-

tee, which sets the leadership

rules, have privately made

clear that they are opposed to

such a large loss of influence.

One long-serving member said: "A Tory leader must

enjoy the confidence of his

Parliamentary party or he cannot survive. We will he

dangerously close to an area

where the membership will

have as much say as us."

John Townend, a member

of the executive, said: "In

principle I am against an

electoral college as it is MPs who know the leader, warts and all. But we will have to

give something. But I would

be opposed to anything more than 20 per cent. If the activists had their way Ted Heath would never have been

Without the consent of the

Only last week Sir Archie Hamilton, the chairman of the 1922 Committee, was booed when he told the conference that MPs must decide the leadership. He is prepared for a bruising fight.

But a senior member of the Shadow Cabinet said last night: The Parliamentary party must move with the times. It will defy the wishes of the party at large at its peril. They must understand that. We hope that Archie understands that.

Michael Colvin, a member of the 1922 executive, supported the reformers. "I have been a party member for almost 40 years. We have moved on to a different generation. We have to change or die. I think the figure will even out at 30 per



Britain's Simon Chalk embraces his girlfriend before the start of the big race

Rowers set off to tackle challenge of the Atlantic

rear cabin about 7ft long and

tapering in width from 5ft to

Rowing Race organiser who

completed the crossing with

John Ridgway in 1966, said:

The pressure is to keep the

boat moving all the time. You

have to trust each other to put

Sir Chay Blyth, the Atlantic

and and high-energy snacks. terday on a gruelling two-The rowers will need up to two pints of water every hour Atlantic that will test their and will rely on desalination equipment. The only shelter on the identical boats is a endurance to the limit.

After emotional farewells to their wives and girlfriends, the men left Tenerife in a flotifia of 30 tiny rowing boats. Ahead of them are 2,900 miles of mountainous

Each pair will spend about Letters, page 21 | diet of reconstituted stews rowing as hard as you.

The smallest things get or your nerves and you simply cannot afford to have a serious argument in mid-Aflantic

Jock Wishart, a Surrey public relations officer, held psychological tests on eight potential partners before choosing Duncan Nicoll, a ing competitor. He said: "It is absolutely vital to get on with the other person. You spend into it because it is very easy do with your wife."

Railway watchdog to attack leasing of trains

THE railways watchdog is to mount a fierce attack on the performance of the three companies that make huge profits leasing trains to operators. John Swift, the rail regula-

tor, is to urge ministers to take urgent action to control the activities of the rolling stock firms which lease 11,000 trains to 25 operators. He is said to be "exasperated" that he is powerless to influence the unregulated rolling stock companies that dominate the railway industry and he is expected to voice his frustration in evidence to MPs later this month.

He has become increasingly annoyed over failures by the easing companies to meet investment promises and to comply with maintenance

Ownership of British Rail rolling stock was sold for ELS billion in January and February last year to three leasing companies. Angel Frains Contracts, Eversholt Leasing and Porterbrook Leasing. Each of the companies has since made large profits amid widespread complaints within the industry about poor train maintenance and their investment record.

The criticisms have coincided with revelations that hundreds of carriages are lying idle because of disputes between operators and companies over the costs of leases. Up to 700 carriages are reported to be unused at any one time, despite some operators struggling to cope with rising numbers of passengers.

A 7 per cent increase in assengers over the last year train operators to provide more timetabled services and longer trains. However, they claim that leasing companies are failing to invest enough in new rolling stock, leaving passengers relying on antiquated and increasingly unreliable trains, many of them more than 30 years old.

Mr Swift is expected to tell MPs that only wider regulation will deliver the improve-

NEWS IN BRIEF Ivy League to improve education proposed

mass higher education system is destroying traditional universities and degree standards, a former Government education adviser has said.

Anthony O'Hear calls in a pamphlet published by the Centre for Policy Studies for an Ivy League that shuns modular degrees and Tony Blair's aim of increasing tudent numbers. Professor O'Hear said that reforms proposed by the Dearing Committee on Higher Eduschools with comprehensives. He also attacked as unaca demic a range of "new" degree subjects, including Animal Care and Caribbean

Murder suspect faces extradition

Extradition proceedings will begin in Holland today to return a suspect in the mur-der of the Irish journalist Veronica Guerin to Dublin. Brian Mechan, 32, was arrested in Amsterdam on planned by Dutch and Irish police. He was held after meeting his girlfriend whom gardai had followed from Dublin. All but three of the principal suspects in Ms Guerin's murder are now in police custody. She was shot while investigating Dublin's criminal underworld.

Mental patients have killed 104

Some 104 people have been killed by mental patients receiving care in the community in under five years, the organisation, which was callished after Jonathan Zito was killed by a schizophrenic, says that more than half the killers were not taking their medication at the time. To hight's Panorama examines

Vaz calls for race quotas

The staffing of government departments should be representative of the ethnic makeup of the population, Keith Vaz, the Labour MP for Leicester East, has said. He is issuing a report today showing that the percentage of Asians in the Civil Service is 2.03 per cent - 1.5 per cent lower than in the population — and that they are mainly in lower grades.

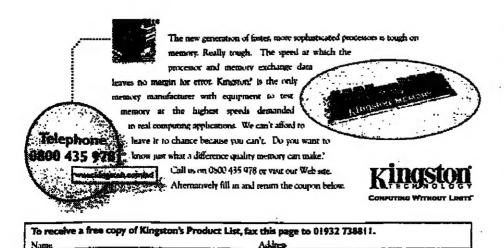
Appeal for more blood donors

The Department of Health has made a nationwide ap-peal for blood donors because of a shortage that could result in the cancellation of routine operations, The National Blood Authority aims to collect 10,000 units a day, but that fell to 8,000 last Friday. The department blamed people failing to keep appointments because of sea-

Mustard gas to help treat cancer

A chemical with the same base as the deadly gas which killed or maimed thousands

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Agency finances defence in British au pair's trial

LOUISE WOODWARD, the British au pair on trial in America accused of murdering an infant in her care, has a high-powered and highly-paid defence team representing her

in the Boston courtroom. Whatever the emotional trauma she is undergoing she has, however, no financial strain to bear at all, and her parents from Elton, near Chester, are not contributing to the estimated £1,000 an hour it costs to pay for her four defence lawyers. The bill is being paid by EF Au Pair, the agency based in Cambridge, Massachusetts, which recruit-ed her and placed her with the family of Matthew Eappen, the nine-month old child she stands accused of shaking to death.

There is also a legal defence fund, ostensibly set up by friends and well-wishers in England. Many in Cambridge believe that this fund, too, has the close backing of the au pair Woodward's team is Barry Scheck, the articulate lawyer from New York whose curriculum vitae boasts membership of OJ Simpson's "dream

By TUNKU VARADARAJAN team". A short, mop-haired

man, Mr Scheck's tenacious cross-examination of the prosecution's medical witnesses has helped to chip away at the prosecution case. There is a curious inversion.

on view in this case. Miss Woodward's callow age and obvious inexperience - added to the bewilderment of being in custody in a foreign country would normally have secured her the underdog's position. Yet so slick is her legal-team, and so high-profile its star, Mr Scheck, that she has



Scheck: on team for OJ Simpson

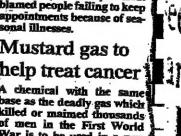
gradually come to be seen here

as a sort of "overdog".

According to reliable reports, Mr Scheck is being paid up to £340 per hour. Her local lawyers, Andrew Good, Harvey Silverglate and Elaine Whitfield-Sharp are thought to be getting about £230 per hour. At a conservative estimate, the cost of Miss Woodward's legal defence is likely to amount to nearly £340,000.

By contrast, Gerard Leone, the Deputy First Assistant District Attorney, who is handling the prosecution of Miss Woodward, is believed to earn an annual salary of about £30,000. There are fears that Mr

Scheck's presence on Miss Woodward's team could prove counter-productive. Cambridge is a conservative area, and the fury in Miss Woodward's case is largely middle-class. As one observer said: They see him out there as the guy who got OJ off. Now, that's a sign that he's clever, no doubt. But you know, most people here weren't too thrilled with the OJ verdict."



of men in the First World War is to be used in a new generation of drugs to treat ancer. Nitrogen mustard will be part of a chemotherapy drug which researchers at the Zeneca pharmaceuticals company hope will destroy tumours with far fewer un pleasant side-effects.

Church faces payouts over cruel nuns made by former residents of Office Minister, said the Gov-

BY AUDREY MAGEE AND RORY CARROLL

THE Roman Catholic Church is facing damages totalling millions of pounds from former residents of children's homes who say they were scarred for life after abuse by

Hundreds of separate civil cases are expected to be lodged against religious orders in Scotland and Ireland alleging sadism and sexual assaults.

A £20,000 out-of-court settlement last week by the Dublin-based Sisters of Mercy, paid to the parents of an 11month-old girl who died 42 years ago supposedly from dysentry, but in fact suffered severe unexplained burns to her legs, has paved the way for similar actions in Britain, according to lawyers.

Nazareth House childrens' homes in Aberdeen and Cardonald, alleging they were forced to eat their own vomit, had their hands thrust into boiling water and finger nails cut to the quick.

Evidence that psychological suffering persisted into adult life and damaged earnings are expected to push individual claims into tens of thousands of pounds, according to Cameron Fyfe, managing partner at Glasgow-based Ross Harper solicitors, which is representing more than 100

claimants, mostly women. Detectives from Grampian and Strathclyde police are investigating around 30 complaints, some dating back 40 years, including alleged beatings, starvation and disinfec-

Some 130 claims are being Alun Michael, the Home

tant horns

legislation in the Crime and Disorder Bill to improve supervision on all organisations entrusted with the care of young people. Seven nuns, at least two of

ernment was considering new

whom are still alive, were

which denied liability but admitted there were burns, apologised for "any lack of courtesy and compassion".

repeatedly named as serial

offenders, as were several lay

After the settlement in Dub-

lin, the Sisters of Mercy,

workers, said Mr Fyfe.

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The police didn't care who they hit'

Horrors ruined the glory, say peaceful fans

FROM RICHARD DUCE IN ROME AND DANIEL MCGRORY

STRIPPED of possessions, bludgeoned and trapped, England fans from all walks of life had bitter memories of their team's night of glory yester-day. As they limped home, supporters including businessmen, barristers and mothers with children blamed "barbaric behaviour" of riot police for provoking the terrace violence. Some still carried the scars.

Many of the victims were on official tours sponsored by the Football Association, yet said they were treated like "criminals and second-class citizens" throughout their stay.

On a warm Roman night, David Woollard, director of an engineering

firm in Lincolnshire, should have been celebrating England's success with friends at a Rome pavement bar. Instead, he became a virtual prisoner of Italian officers, locked at the stadium with thousands of others extremely for three hours. At 3am yesterbrutal 9 of a forlorn hu-

man crocodile as supporters trudged four miles from the stadium under the watchful eye of the police. Mr Woollard, whose trip cost £600, said: "I have been abroad with England before but never been treated as badly as this."

The night began with a shambles for many support-ers. There were stories of overzealous searches on women, of fans getting into the ground unchecked, of valuables being confiscated and dumped in heaps with no information on how to recover them.

Rachel Morrel, who now lives in Monaco but originally comes from Dorset, said that an expensive cigarette lighter. a gift from her mother, had been taken: "My ticket bore no relation to where I ended up inside the ground. Then the Italians started throwing

things like coins at us " Deborah Bangay, 39, a barrister from London, said her ticket had not been checked before she entered the ground: "Once inside, we weren't even allowed to go to the toilet and it took hours to be let out. It was total overkill. The police behaviour was indefensible."

David Walker, 30, a teacher from Stafford, said: "The whole organisation was a complete shambles. England fans with tickets were being sent to the Italian section."

Fans said that baton charges by police were pro-voked after a few fans started to respond to missiles first thrown at them by the Italian

from Peterborough, said: "The Italian response was outrageous. We were being pelted with coins. When we started giving them some verbal, they just waded into us."

A disabled fan. Bryan Harris, 63, a sales manager for a communications company said: "The police hit out indiscriminately. They charged us and the guy behind me got knocked down and was hit in the face with a baton. We were shouting for them to stop, but it was relentless.

Mr Harris, of Windlesham, Surrey, who has a club foot following an injury in his ing to get out of the way when they parted the

crowd, but there

was nowhere to

go, I was pushed

against a fence

and my glasses

6 We tried to get out of the way. There was nowhere to run. It was

Jim Tyrrell, 36, a marketing London, said: "It extremely brutal. The police were clearly terrified and had been wound up to the point where they were treating us as if we were all hooligans. There

causing trouble and they should have sorted those out." Katy Mousinho, her husband Gordon, a company director, and sons James, 13, and John, II, from Amersham, Buckinghamshire, said they had never been so frightened. Mrs Mousinho said: "I feel my human rights have been violated. They were searching everyone and removing things like belts, keys and coins from English fans."

were 20 to 30 English fans

The family were travelling with friends Alistair and Caroline Stewart from Northamptonshire. Mrs Stewart said: "I had bottles of perfume and make-up taken from me. There were families and loads of women, and the police didn't discriminate about who they hit. It was awful." Julie





O'Malley, 23, and Daljit Khaira, 27, had paid £450 each and were part of a hospitality treat for workers at the London electronics company CHS. Both women were at their first football match and vowed "Never again."

Miss O'Malley said: "As we had gone in, we had to take our shoes and socks off to be searched. Then they took all our belts. After we came out, we just had to take any belt off a pile of about 5,000. No one has come back with their own belt. As we were leaving, the police started charging the crowd after they started singing football songs. It was very parrow, and all I could I hear was the sound like a herd of elephants trainping towards me. About 1,000 people came running and I was being trampled. I think I would have died if my friend had not pulled me onto a wall.

Their friend, Paul Sadler, and he was bleeding from a cut to his head. The paramedics had to push the police out of the way."

Supporters also described what they say were unpro-voked attacks by police wield-ing batons as they were drinking in the city centre. Mark Randell, 33, a chef, from Poole, Dorset, who works in Antibes, France, said: "I was telling the police in Italian to calm down, but they hit me. I was down with my hands over my head but every policeman who went past hit me."



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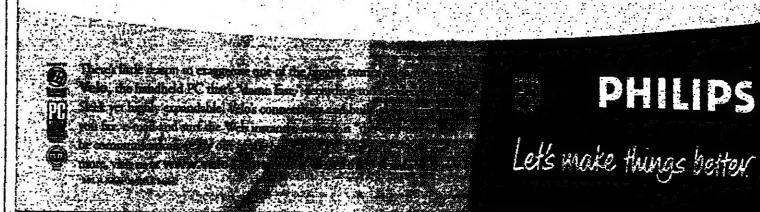
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Italy sees a victory for Blair and Spice Girls

FOR most Italians, Saturday night's World Cup qualifying ing match was not about the behaviour of England's feared football hooligans, or how the Italian police handled them. It was not even about the technicalities of Cesare Maldini's team strategy.

It was a metaphor for Italy's political disarray and its angst as Europe heads for several dates with destiny", from the single currency to the millennium. Italy fears it is being left behind, while the Britain of Tony Blair forges ahead. In both Britain and Italy

the Left are in power," La Re-pubblica observed yesterday.

"But Blair's Britain is no long-er represented by the blackened faces of striking miners: it is vibrant, dynamic, and symbolised by the Spice Girls. The Government of Professor Romano Prodi by contrast is in the grip of earthquakes. apocalyptic predictions and a hot autumn of discontent", a reference to Signor Prodi's. offer to resign after the deser-tion of his Communist parliamentary allies over a welfarecutting budget designed to help traly qualify for the

single currency. Hooliganism was not ignored. They were 700 English barbarians and they caused panic and mayhem," reported II Messaggero. They looked like bullet-headed Gazzas, shirts undone and stomachs exposed to the air. like creatures from some nightmarish canvas by Fran-



To Italians, their World Cup inadequacy symbolises the success of the British Left and the failure of their own, writes Richard Owen

cis Bacon, it was an orgy of fist fights, sweat and tears, and they left the city centre looking as if a demolition squud had been through it." The police were applauded for their "hard work" in dealing with "drunken beasts in full war cry, shouting abuse at all Italians in a hailstorm of

broken bottles". But whereas English hooligans might in the past have been seen as symbols of rampant right-wing nationalism. this time they were viewed as a curiosity irrelevant to the success story of "Blair's Britain". Most newspapers devoted one page at most to the disorder, and four or five pages

to the match and its meaning. The mood in the bars of Rome had been subdued even before the match began, as if a run of bad luck - the earthquakes in Umbria, the threat to Italy's chances of joining the euro - had damaged national self-confidence. I watched the match in a bar with a group of young Italians, and even after they had sunk a good deal of red wine there was only passing excite-ment when Dino Baggio nearly scored in the second

half. The final whistle was greeted with resigned shrugs. It is as if Italy is collapsing said: "Assisi is falling down. so is the Government, and we can't get into either Europe or the award of the Nobel Prize for Literature to the left-wing dramatist Dario Fo to console us, and even that is seen as offside by many on the Right." Most of Italy's political

leaders were at the match, with the Government repre-sented by Walter Veltroni, whose culture portfolio in-cludes sport. He looked grim. He was perhaps contemplat-ing not only Italy's fading chances of reaching the World Cup, but also his own

chances of staying in office. Britain's Chancellor was among the English contingent. So was Geoffrey Robinson. his Treasury colleague, in whose Tuscany villa the Blairs take summer holidays. Corriere della Sera said: "It was a contest between two Lefts, Our team, led by Veltroni, was no match for the team at the Olympic Stadium led by Gordon Brown, Jack Cunningham and Tony Banks."

Adams plays the democrat and ditches pariah past

The Sinn Fein leader tells Martin Fletcher today's talks with Tony Blair are a step to a new relationship in Ireland

TONY BLAIR will today be-come the first British Prime Minister to meet an Irish republican leader in 76 years when he comes face to face with Gerry Adams behind closed doors at Stormont.

Mr Blair will meet all parties at the peace talks, but his encounter with Mr Adams will complete Sinn Fein's journey from political pariah and is particularly contentious.

David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist Party leader, ex-pressed pity for a Prime Minister who, he said, would meet the head of a terrorist organisation that had killed so many British soldiers, policemen and civilians and had still drew Mackay, the Shadow Northern (reland Secretary, said Mr Adams had yet to prove his democratic

Lloyd George called Michmeeting the IRA's founder in 1921. Later he called him "one of the most courageous leaders ever produced by a valiant race". Whether Mr Adams can win over Mr Blair remains to be seen, but the Sinn Fein president speaks remarkably warmly of the leader of a nation whose jurisdiction he has violently opposed for three

In an interview with The Times Mr Adams spoke of how Mr Blair's "caring vision" had "uplifted" the British people. He commended him for speedily removing "the obstacles to dialogue that had for so long blocked Sinn Fein's entry into peace difference between this Goveroment and the last was like



locked into a low-intensity conflict that was going on for eternity **9**

meeting "a step towards bringing about a new relationship between the people of this agreed" with Mr Blair's post-Union would last a lifetime but hoped that was mere words. Asked what he would tell the Prime Minister he talked of the huge costs - the "scores of thousands of British troops" - involved in defending Northern Ireland and its "system of apartheid" when this Government aspired to

champion human rights. Mr Blair may find, like President Clinton before him, that Mr Adams is disconcertingly personable. His easy manner belies his direct or indirect responsibility for so mer mill that houses Sinn Fein's press centre, he spoke softly and politely even when confronted with his image as evil personified. "I don't lose an awful lot of sleep over it,"

He offered glimpses of the man behind the politician. He told how he had not walked Road in nearly three decades though it is near his home and forms part of his West Belfast

He said he worried about travelling through Protestant East Belfast to reach the Stormont peace talks. He was very mindful" of how leaders elsewhere in the world had been assassinated while trying to make peace, he said, and drily added: "I think we have a responsibility not to be killed."

For the purposes of this interview he presented himself as a model democrat. Martin McGuinness has vowed to "smash" the Union, but Mr Adams claimed that while his goal was a united Ireland "in the shortest period possible" he would listen to the Unionists' case before deciding what was attainable.

He is a master of the evasive or diversionary answer. Asked why Unionists should trust republicans who would not cede weapons, call their ceasefire permanent, or accept the principle of consent, he claimed the Unionists' real distrust was of the British and Irish Governments because they were determined to change the status quo.
Asked if the IRA would

return to violence if Sinn Fein that we have also inflicted was frustrated at the talks he insisted the ceasefire was genuine and that "as far as I'm many atrocities. Sitting in a concerned the IRA is out of the



ports of hardline republican any agreement reached.

It was too early to judge what 25 years of republican riolence had achieved, he said. because the struggle was still continuing in another form. Mr Adams expressed regret for the

by the IRA, though he stopped short of an apology. "I have said and the hurt which republicans have inflicted, that we have no monopoly on suffering but we understand

At another point, though, he ised the last two IRA men

youth". Ed O'Brien died on a London bus when the bomb he was carrying exploded prematurely. Diarmuid O'Neill, shot by police at a London guest-house, was re-

portedly planning to blow up 6 You have great heroes ... We only have flawed heroes, us poor Irish 9

the Channel Tunnel's electricity supply. If parts of England suffered similiar oppress young men there would forcresist, said Mr Adams, but "you are the people who have all the great war heroes.

We only have flawed heroes, us poor Irish".

He said the "war" was never planned but "grew out of conditions and events". He had watched conflicts ending around the world while "here

we were locked into a that was going to go on for eternity". He personally knew "not two, not three, not five people that have been killed, but hundreds". He insisted Sinn

Fein's pursuit of peace was genuine and that sooner or later there would be a

"Either you think I am trying to make it work, or you don't," he said. That is, of course, the great unanswered

OBE may be * dropped from honours list

By Valerie Elliott, Whitehall editor

TONY BLAIR is looking to New Zealand to provide a model for the reform of the honours system as part of his modernisation programme for the Government and British institutions.

If he follows its example, the Order of the British Empire, the main award given to British subjects since 1917, will

disappear.
The ancient orders of chivalry such as the Order of the Bath - traditionally given to senior civil servants and the military — and the Order of St Michael and St George — given to diplomats and people who have served overseas would also be scrapped.

In its place a single honour with distinct categories appears the most likely replace-ment. The New Zealanders opted for the New Zealand Order of Merit, but this name is unlikely to be chosen because OMs are already awarded to distinguished people by the Queen:

However, a single Order of Britain award with four or five categories is considered a

strong possibility.

David Clark, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, was in New Zealand and Australia last week examining various aspects of government and honours system.

There is also interest in the Young Australian of the Year awards which are handled by education authorities in the seven states. This could serve as a blueprint for Mr Blair to honour the brightest and best school pupils and children's achievements nationally.

are deliberating on how best to overhaul the present system which they believe has become outdated; anachronistic and often confusing. But he wishes to retain an

Mr Blair and his advisers

honours system and believes it is a way of thanking individuals for their service and also to highlight individual activi-For his first proper list, the

New Year's honours for January - the Queen's Birthday Honours list in June was largely prepared by John Ma-Blair is unlikely to make — to be honoured.

widescale changes and has told colleagues he wants to have first-hand experience of how the system operates.

But he has made clear to continue Mr Major's policy of allowing the public to put forward the names of ordinary people for inclusion in the New Year's honours list and the Queen's Birthday honours lists in June

Between 8,000 and 9,000 "DIY" nominations from private individuals arrive in Downing Street every year. But Mr Blair wants two or three extra letters of support

Cash awards are offered to young

Australia's youth is encouraged to aspire to greater heights by a prestigious awards scheme offering national recognition as well as cash prizes and holidays. The Young Australian of the Year awards are open to people aged 14 to 27 and are Minister on Australia Day. They are sponsored by Government and industry with ominations invited in national newspaper advertisements. Awards are in seven ment, arts, regional development, science and technology, community service, sports and career achievement.

for each nomination. One Government source said last week: "We must have absolute proof that someone has contributed to the community and that the nomination is not because someone thinks a person is a good egg.

for allege

The honours really are for exceptional service well beyoud the norm. It is for something beyond the ordinary and the competition is

Mr Blair has also made clear that he wants more teachers, headmasters and headmistresses, nurses and



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Europe seeks ban on human cloning

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE Council of Europe has called for a ban on human cloning, following alarm over the cloning of Dolly the sheep by Scottish scientists last year.

The ban, endorsed by a 40-nation

summit meeting on Saturday, is considerably stronger than the bill sent by US President Bill Clinton to Congress, which

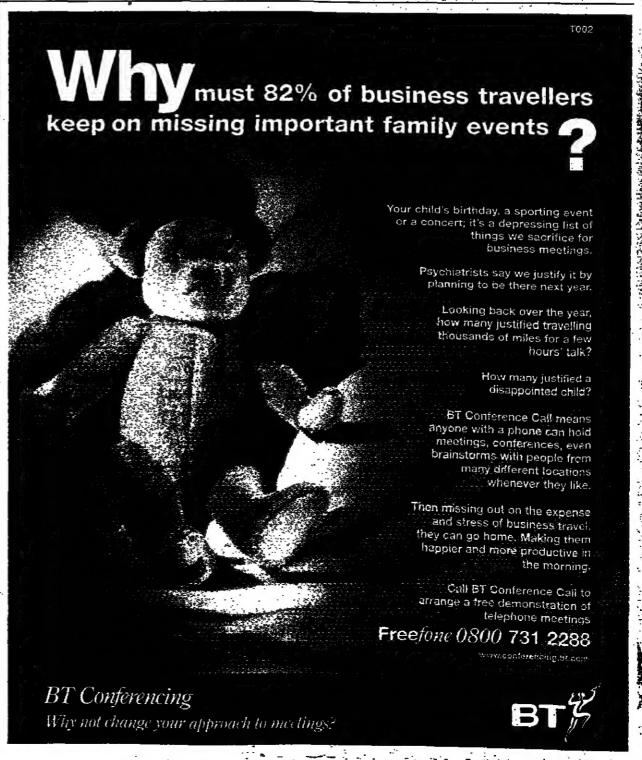
cloning for a five-year period. The instructed its executive to formalise the ban in the form of a protocol to the Eupoean Convention on Biomedicine, which aims to control the use of biological and medical advances seen as a threat to human dignity.

During a two-day meeting of the

council in Strasbourg, several of the 21

presidents and 19 prime ministers put their weight behind the ban.

The scientists responsible for Dolly, have had several requests to clone humans, one from a couple who lost their daughters in a car crash. But Ian Wilmut of the Roslin Institute in Edinburgh has said. "I can't think of any embryologist I know who would be interested in cloning a homan being."



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Tabloid speculation over Piers Merchant may test the Tories' new policy of tolerance, writes Andrew Pierce

private life of the Tory MP Piers Merchant took a bizarre twist yesterday when his wife appeared before photographers outside their home with the teenage girl alleged to be his mistress

The episode could prove to be the first test of William Hague's policy of tolerance. unveiled last week, which permits sexual indiscretions by Tory MPs but not financial

Six months after Mr Merchant, the MP for Beckenham, defied leadership calls to stand down after tabloid photographs of him kissing Anna Cox. 18. their friendship was tabloid

Speculation again yesterday.

Mr Merchant and Miss Cox, who has left her job as a Soho hostess to work as his political researcher, were pictured over six pages of the Sunday Mirror after spending four nights together in York,



Piers Merchant said allegations were untrue

Blackpool for their annual Helen Merchant, the MP's

wife, staged an impromptu photo-call with Miss Cox at the end of the drive of her detached home in Beckenham. southeast London, to try to quash speculation that there was anything untoward in the

Mrs Merchant, who de-

newspaper's claims, said: "Anna is here as a family friend. This afternoon is my son's sixth birthday and I would really like you all to go away and let us all have a nice family birthday. My husband has said all he is going to say." Miss Cox, who had stayed overnight at the Merchants' house, said: "You have got a picture of us as friends and since when has being friends been a crime?" The pair then walked back up the drive to

It was a bizarre photo-call that revived memories of David Mellor's disastrous appearance for a family pic-ture with his wife, children, and in-laws after revelations of his relationship with Antonia de Sancha. However. Mr Merchant stayed in the house, behind drawn curtains. and declined requests to pose for photographs.

When the friendship be-tween the MP and Miss Cox was revealed shortly before



Mrs Merchant, left, with Anna Cox outside the MP's home in Beckenham. She said the 18-year-old researcher was a family friend

chant claimed he had been set up by the tabloids. He dropped a hint yesterday that this time he had turned the tables on the media.

Far from conducting an illicit affair, he claimed he was working with Miss Cox on a book about the excesses of the tabloids. Mr . Merchant, his wife, and Miss Cox, in a joint statement, said: "Despite scur-

made at the time of the election, Anna and Piers have remained close friends and have, in fact, for a while been jointly working on a book about the excesses of the tabloid press and this story

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should be seen in that context.

"Anna and Piers are not having an affair. Anna is, in fact, at present staying with Piers, his wife Helen and their family home." On Friday night Mr Merchant attacked the media during a debate at Durham University, where he again ... will we allow the

The story is nevertheless an

embarrassment for the Tories, coming so soon after Mr Hague said he would draw a clear distinction between sexual misdemeanours and financial sleaze, which badly damaged the Conservatives in

day. This is a matter for Piers the run-up to the general Merchant. It is not one for us. Mr Hague declared at It's his business," a source Blackpool last week: "Never

The tone was in sharp contrast to before the election, when Tories led by Michael Heseltine led calls for Mr Merchant to stand down. He refused their demand and was denying that he was having an

Author alleges libel trial cover-up

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

FRESH allegations about the conduct of ministers in the run-up to the £1.5 million libel trial between Lord Aldington and Nikolai Tolstoy, the historian, will surface today with the launch of a book that will reopen the wounds of one of the most controversial episodes in British military

Lord Aldington was awarded the record damages in 1989 against Tolstoy and his co-defendant Nigel Watts over their claim that he had "the blood of 70,000 innocent men, women and children on his hands".

The book, The Cost of a Reputation by lan Müchell, suggests that there was an of May 1945 when the British Army ... At the centre of the libel trial was a handed over Cossack and non-Commit pumphlet in which it was claimed that

Stalin and Tito to face imprisonment, torture and death — but also in the lead up to and events surrounding the trial. It alleges an "old boy network" of Old Wykehamists and others, involving ministers in the Thatcher Government anxious to help Lord Aldington to prepare his case. It claims that files containing evidence important to Tolstoy's defence were withdrawn from the Public Record Office (PRO) into offices in Whitehall, from where some went missing.

Ministers involved include Lord Younger, who as Sir George Younger was Defence Secretary from 1986-89, and Lord Trefgame, then Minister of State for Defence Procurement Like Lord Aldington, Lord Younger was educated at

Low, chief of staff of 5 Corps, a unit of the British Army in Austria — had signed orders to hand over the Cossacks and Yugoslavs. The privately published book says that important evidence for Tolstoy's defence was kept from the High Court by the Ministry of Defence and the Foreign

Outlining his allegations of ministerial assistance provided for the preparation of Lord Aldington's case, Mitchell says that. after issuing writs against Watts and Tolstoy, Lord Aldington wrote to his friend Sir George. He asked the Defence Secretary if he could remove files from the PRO to the Ministry so that he could examine them there.

A similar request was made to the



Mitchell points finger at "old-boy network"

Scots stroke victim awoke with South African accent

good name of our party to be blackened by the greed and selfishness of a few." He made

clear that he would not consid-

er extramarital affairs a sack-

Conservative Central Office

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

A WOMAN who went to bed with a Scottish accent but woke up sounding South African is casting new light on a rare condition.

Foreign Accent Syndrome has been reported no more than a dozen times this century, and follows injury to the brain caused by stroke or accident. The voice changes in intonation and emphasis, creating a different accent.

furthest he had ever been from his Massachusetts home was New Jersey. Other cases include British people sounding Mexican, a Norwegian developing a German accent, a Czech sounding Polish and a Portuguese American

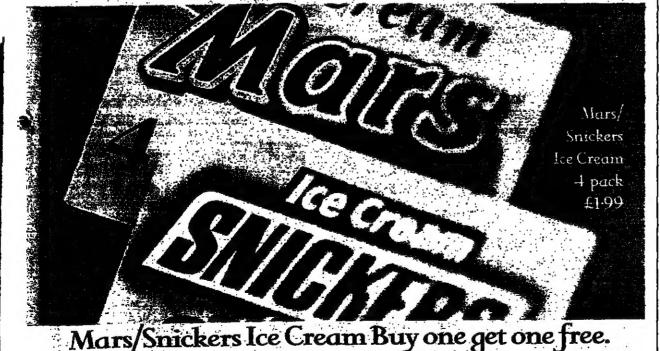
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sounding Chinese. The woman who developed a South African accent woke up one morning feeling dizzy. and a stroke was diagnosed. A

Scott, of the Applied Psychology Unit in Cambridge, said. Dr Scott is studying the case with colleagues at University College London and Northwick Park Hospital, northwest London.

The woman, in her 50s, speaks with effort, using a high flat intonation, and one syllable at a time. She has problems pronouncing certain vowels, and cannot say

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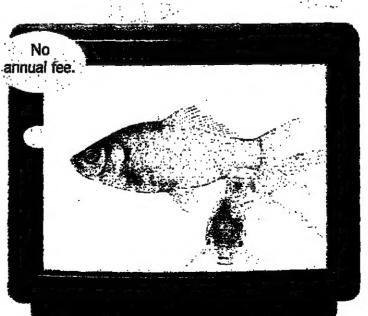


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Famous first words begin a literary clash

IT IS the best of lines, it is the worst of lines. The opening words of a piece of literature can be a nightmare for writers who fear that the reader may

Now the opening lines of some of the greatest writers have entered the Oxford Dictionary of Literary Quotations as a subject in their own right. Yesterday the publishers admitted that the list is likely to cause heated debate among those affronted that personal favourites have been left out.

The list has just 41 entries. They are not claimed to be the best quotes, but the openings that have become part of the collective conscious, often used in speeches and works by other people. Elizabeth Knowles, managing editor of Oxford quotation dictionaries, said: "Of course, people will always say, What about this one? But that is what makes this kind of work both frustrating and exciting. It is potentially endless." The com-

I sing of Arms and the man

In my beginning is my end

archbishop had come to see me

"Christmas won't be Christmas without any presents,"

Mother died today. Or perhaps it was yesterday, i don't know L'Etranger (Albert Camus)

striking thirteen Nineteen Eighty Four (George Orwell) It was the afternoon of my eighty-first birthday and I was

It was a bright cold day in April and the clocks were

in bed with my catamite when All announced that the

In a hole in the ground there lived a hobbit

Chandler and

Hamlet, but that is just for

openers, says Kathryn Knight

pilers went through a huge computer database of quota-tions to draw up the list, from Virgil and Chaucer through to George Orwell and Anthony Burgess. Shakespeare provides two entries, while the anonymous "Once upon a time", dating back to 1595, supplants notable authors and

thor of A Burmese Legacy, said her favourite first line was playwrights. Keats delivers a trio of memorable favourites. from The Good Soldier by Ms Knowle said that the two Shakespeare choices - "If

The Pilgrim's Progress (John Bunyar

Four Quartets (T.S. Eliot)

Ford Maddox Ford. It is: "This is the greatest story I've ever music be the food of love, play on" from Twelfth Night and heard." It is not in the list. John Bayley, the retired Oxford English don married to the novelist Dame Iris **OPENING LINES** Murdoch, expressed surprise that Raymond Chandler had As I walked through the wilderness of this world not made the list, but said that

favourites may clash with It is a truth universally acknowledged that a single man in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife national favourites. "My wife's favourite open-ing is to Hamlet, but it would son of Mists and Mellow Fruitfulness, Close bosom-nd of the maturing sun Autumn (John Keats) not be everybody's choice. I think one of my great prefernbled Jo, lying on the rug Little Women (Louisa May Alcott) ences is the opening to Harriette Wilson's memoirs: 'I shall It was a dark and stormy night-Paul Chilord (Edward George Bulwer-Lytton) not say why and how l became, at the age of fifteen, It was the best of times, it was the worst of times A Tale of Two Cities (Charles Dickens) the mistress of the Earl of

"O! for a muse of fire, that would ascend. The brightest heaven of invention" from

Henry V - may sit badly with those who prefer "Now is the

winter of our discontent" from

Richard III and "Who's

ly quotable and much quoted.

but we had to be careful

because you could end up with a whole column of Shake-

speare quotes," she said: "We

chose the ones we felt were

"We looked for evidence that

most universally referred to.

they were high profile in different areas of life. This is a

list not just for writers, but

people who just love reading.

It is very solidly rooted in what

Last night Sue Arnold, au-

personal idiosyncratic

the nation likes "

Shakespeare is enormous-

there?" from Hamlet.

Moby Dick (Herman Melville) in the list. The dictionary also proffers The Hobbit (J.R.R. Tolkein) a list of nine closing lines, including those from Tess of Last night I dreamt I went to Manderley again
Rebecca (Daphne Du Maurier) the D'Urbervilles, Wuthering When that Aprill with his shoures scote. The droghte of Heights, Animal Farm and rch hath perced the roote
The Centerbury Tales 'The General Prologue' (Chaucer)

Gone With the Wind. Professor Bayley also suggested another category: "Per-haps they should look for a collection of openings that don't make you want to read arty further. I'm sure one could find plenty from modern

Craven'," Wilson is included

Channel 4's panel: Salman Rusdie, Martin Amis, Gore Vidal, Lisa Jardine and Melvyn Bragg. Mr Vidal said students prefer videos

Bright minds ignore books, says

sides on this movie that had

By ALEX O'CONNELL

ON THE eve of Britain's most prestigious literary award, Gore Vidal, the American novelist and essayist, has claimed that even the brightest students no longer read or show an interest in

His gloomy predictions on the future of the novel came in a pre-Booker Prize discussion with the novelists Salman Rushdie and Martin Amis, and Lisa Jardine, the writer and academic. Booker judges are meeting

today to choose a winner from the six shortlisted authors - Bernard Mac-Laverty, Arundhati Roy, Mick Jackson, Jim Crace, Tim Parks and Madeleine St.

Amis, whose latest book Night Train is set Martin Amis, the novelist, has denied that in Chicago, said: "It would purely be because I feel I need America as a subject." Mr Amis does not want to move until his the reason he is planning to leave Britain for New York is to escape media intrusion into his private life. He said yesterday he was going to find literary inspiration because London no longer excited him. Mr two sons finish their schooling, in about five

announced at a televised galadinner at Guildhall tomorrow night.

This year's shortlist is notable for the omission of some hotly-tipped authors, including Ian McEwan whose book Enduring Love received good reviews. The prize, worth £20,000, guarantees sales and instant literary recognition for the winner.

Mr Vidal, a former lecturer at Harvard, said America's best young minds were gen-erally more interested in Hol-

know how to read a novel. So lywood movies than the novel: They really don't read novels, and they don't read they would rather get a video cassette of Peter Greenaway much of anything and they have very little interest in and look at that and fee they're communing with

literary figures," he said. He said that in dull mo-He added there was little prospect of the novel's recovments during his lectures, the ery in the face of film, video mention of a film title would and television: "I'm not sure instantly provoke lively debate: "I'd say, 'Has anyone here seen The Doors?' and that you can bring the novel back and I'm not sure that it's perhaps desirable." the whole room would become vibrant and they'd take

The discussion, The Booker on Four, was chaired by Melvyn Bragg and will be

shown on Channel 4 tonight. Mr Vidal's views were attacked by the rest of the panel, who argued that the novel was still relevant.

Martin Amis, who has never won the Booker Prize. said Mr Vidal was describing an American situation. "The difference is the Atlantic Ocean," he said. "If you talk around the capitals of the world people will say that British fiction is the strongest

in the world." Lisa Jardine, who has lectured on the novel in Britain and America, said: "You only have to go on the Tube in the morning and you'll see people reading real novels." Mr Rushdie said: People are not stopping reading novels. They still expect them to shape their lives."

BBC to close two libraries of classic stock* ish waters

By CAROL MIDGLEY MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE BBC is to sell 60,000 books and close two of its lending libraries as part of John Birt's moves to streamline

Loan stock will be removed from Broadcasting House and Bush House, home of the World Service, during the next six months. Staff say that it represents a "further dismantling of BBC heritage". Much of the archive stock has been in the BBC libracies since it was established more

- BBC executives want to concentrate our stock we have in triplicate and it have about 90,000 titles in total. Of they are about ten times bigger.

all book-lending facilities at one site, Television Centre at White City in West London, rather than having three libraries. A reference-only ser vice will remain at all three sites, but researchers or programme-makers who need to borrow a book will have to go to White City.

The cornoration's collection of books, including classic novels, medieval poetry and royal, political and sporting biographies, will be weeded out during the next few weeks. Among the titles likely to be sold are dozens of

biographies on minor members of the Royal Family or dead sporting heroes. How many books on Prince Michael of Kent do you need?"
But a BBC worker at Bush House

said the move was nonsensical. "All we hear about is efficiency, but for people working in central London a library out towards Shepherds Bush is about as inefficient and as inconvenient as it could get. The needs of staff at the World Service are totally different to the needs of people

working at Television Centre."

are talking about some very old books that are hardly ever accessed or used. It is no more than the annual throwout rate of a normal lending library and if it raises money for the BBC then all well and good.

"Increasing numbers of staff are using electronic databases now, but we will maintain our reference section. In the future, where CD-Roms are available we will probably buy it in that form in preference to reference books. Don't forget that close by to Broadcasting House and Bush House there are major public libraries and

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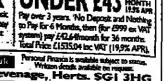


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Police attack training after divers' deaths

Fast-track procedures learnt at scuba diving centre may

be a factor in fatalities. Reports by Stephen Farrell

ce attack on training stanids within the sport of gation into the deaths of three inexperienced divers at one centre this year.

Inspector Stephen Hanson, a former head of Leicestershire police underwater search unit, claims to have found disturbing similarities between the fatalities at the Stoney Cove National Inland Diving Centre near Hinckley.

He criticised the Professional Association of Diving Instructors, the world's largest and most influential divertraining body, for running five-day intensive courses which allow students to begin diving unsupervised after four

sessions with instructors. Other experts, who last night backed his attack, fear the sport's governing body, the British Sub-Aqua Club, is also starting short courses. Last month it began a five-day course aimed at holiday-

Mr Hanson, 45, a diver of 24



Hanson: saw similarities between the deaths

tive's diver training certificate, has carried out investigations into all diving deaths in Leicestershire for more than 16 years. He began to notice inexperience as a factor in

perience for people to get diving qualifications before PADI came on the scene was one of the many diving clubs many, many months. Then along come PADI with a fasttrack and what appeared to be a very professional system of getting you into water in a very short period of time and of course it is very attractive.

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wrong in my opinion."

Last year 15 people died
while diving recreationally in Britain, according to the Brit-ish Sub-Aqua Club. A recent report for the Health and Safety Executive estimated the risk to be one death per 5,000 divers each year, similar to other adventure sports.

Stoney Cove is a former granite quarry widely regarded by divers and safety watch-dogs as one of the safest sites in the country. Although it has seen 16 deaths in 15 years, more than 100,000 dives are made there each year; it has trained rescuers, a fast boat and recompression chamber. The basic PADI "Open Water" course, a series of dives under supervision and lec-

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taking part in an activity there will be an increase in incidents. All we can do is point to our safety record," he said. Dave Glover, 42, from

books, can be completed in

three to five days at a cost of

£100 plus cost of trips and

hiring equipment. Those who

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headquarters two years ago. In 1996 it awarded 728,295

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Its quality assurance man-ager. Eric Albinsson, yester-

day pointed out that the organisation funded safety re-search and helped establish

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Ireland) in 1991.

PADI, founded in the US in

Fareham, Hampshire, a BSAC advanced instructo with 25 years' experience, said he feared standards might slip. When I learned to dive it took a minimum of six months to get the basics. Now PADI do it in five days."

Alan King, director of the company which owns Stoney Cove, said: "All the divers who have been involved in an incident here, from a minor hicram to fatal accidents, have either been a qualified diver or in the minority of cases a diver under training with a suitably



another member of the

August, 1992. Neil Rhodes

from Watford, died

British Sub Aqua Club.

THERE have been 16 deaths in the past 15 years at Stoney Cove. They include: L October 4, 1997. Patrick Scanlon, 37, from Leicester. Believed to have run out of air and drowned.

Divers at Stoney Cove in Leicestershire. Police have criticised a system that allows two newly-qualified divers to go out on their own

2 September 3, 1997. Glyn Beeson, 48, from Staffordshire. Drowned after complaining he could not keep up with two friends.

3. April 15. 1997. Lyane Coughlin, 49, from Buckinghamshire. Became separated from husband and sank on their first unsuper-

visiting diving club died after getting into difficulty. July 2, 1995. David Richardafter being brought up from 30 metres by friends. June 16, 1991. Andrew Brimble, 43, from Bristol. son, 40, from Leeds, drowned on advanced divdrawned and suffered internal injuries after he suring course.

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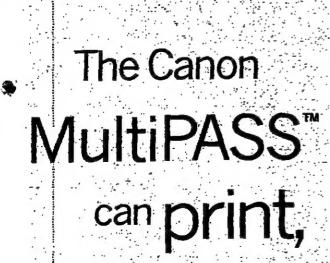
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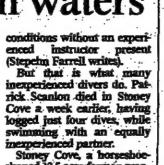
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Lawyers lean on expert witnesses to alter opinions

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DOCTORS, accountants and other expert witnesses used by lawyers in court cases are regularly asked to modify their opinions by instructing solicitors, according to a survey to be published this

The study of nearly 500 expert witnesses - the largest of its kind - found that two thirds (345) were asked to change their opinion in some way and almost one third did

The findings, to be outlined at the Law Society conference later this week, raise doubts about the independence and professionalism of some expert witnesses used either in support of claims in court or to

According to Roger Norwich, who runs a private medico-legal consultancy with 12 doctors in Gloucestershire. a "small but significant" number of solicitors ask for reports to be modified. He said he always resisted such requests.

Two or three law firms "persistently ask us to alter reports and put a different gloss on what we say," he said. "We don't do it unless, of course, it is a matter of correcting factual errors."

The survey found that more

Lord Chancellor, has been criticised by the chairwoman of the Magistrate's Asso-ciation over his call at its annual meeting on Saturday for a campaign to attract more Labour voters to sit on the bench. Anne Fuller said: "Politics play no part in the work we do. I have no idea what the politics of my colleagues are. They do not, and never will, affect our judicial

had no formal terms of engagement with their solicitor and 10 per cent agreed to work on a contingency basis, in which they would be paid only if the solicitor won the case.

The survey also found that the fees charged by expert witnesses have risen steeply in recent years. Nearly one in five now charges more than £1,000 for a report and 41 per cent charge more than £500. witnesses ended up suing the

solicitor for their fees. Mark Solon, director of the witness training company Bond Solon which carried out the survey, said the full results - based on some 1,500 experts would be outlined at their conference on November 7.

nesses had some way to go, he said, before they operated on a fully professional and independent basis.

Mr Solon added that, with the Government poised to announce a big expansion of lawyers, in which lawyers take a fee only if they win the case, expert witnesses would come under even more pressure to

He accepted that many witnesses were asked to change their opinion for perfectly proper reasons, but there were cases "that show cause for

The Law Society's 1997 Di-rectory of Expert Witnesses lists 3.500, with 1,600 specialist areas of work. Senior judges - notably Mr Justice resswell - have emphasised the importance of independent

Dave McNeill, spokesman for the Law Society, said: "Many solicitors ask experts to change something in their reports - it may be something wrong, or maybe they have not met the brief or a point needs development or clarification. All of this is perfectly

He said that there might be occasional cases where solicitors asked for "inappropriate"





Slim chance saves pet trapped by fat

became stuck underground while chasing a rabbit. A long search by its owner, heat-seeking cameras from the fire service and a trench-digging machine all failed to find the lost pet. After 20 days, all hope had gone when a much skinnier pet emerged from the ground at Melton, Huddersfield, west Yorkshire, to be welcomed home by its delighted owners. Now Casper the Lakeland

terrier is believed to have set a canine urvival record "She was living off her fat," her owner. Rachel Mann, 28, said. Before all this, Casper was so fat.

Over the next week, Mrs Mann's husband, Andrew, 29, returned repeatedly to the scene, then called in the RSPCA. Inspector Andy Thompson began digging, and recruited help from the fire service, whose men dug into a quarry mound using heat-seeking cameras. Mr Maon even hired a JCB digger to make a 50-yard channel before giving up hope. Then a quarry worker called to say: "I think your dog has turned up.

Mrs Mann said: "She is very skinny. We're feeding her glucose and Weetabix." The dog is thought to bave drunk rainwater to avoid dehydration. Inspector Thompson said: "I have never known a dog survive so long without food and daylight."

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Inquest into Princess's death 'too limited'

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THE coroner expected to hold an inquest into the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, has spoken of his frustration that he will not be able to call witnesses from abroad and will have to rely on the French police inquiry into the crash. John Burton, Coroner of the ueen's Household, described limited powers as a when or where any inquest

into the crash will take place. The coroner's outspoken remarks came after renewed controversy involving Mo-hamed Al Fayed, who stands by his claim that he was told the Princess's last words. Michael Cole, his press spokesman, said yesterday that Mr Al Fayed, whose son Dodi also died in the accident, had "acted properly through-out and would continue to act

properly to make sure that the

facts are known". He refused

mit coverage of the funeral service of Diana, Princess of Wales, from Westminster Abbey. The BBC has why it transmitted BBC around the world, appar-

to say whether Mr Al Fayed. the owner of Harrods, would contact the coroner with his Or Burton said that he had

no plans to call Mr Al Fayed but said that he would be open to "relevant" evidence. A claim that the Princess

had been conscious after the crash would be of crucial importance to any inquest. Mr All Fayed's claim that a nurse

words was dismissed by French hospital authorities. who insist that she was unconscious from the moment the

The main obstacle to any a British inquiry will be the reliance on the French inquiry without the power to question evidence.

No inquest is likely to be held in Britain until the rench examining magistrati has finished his inquiry and decided whether to bring criminal charges.

Dr Burton said: "I have no power to call a witness from overseas. I can only deal with in England ... and if you can't get corroboration ... where

"If Dodi and Diana had been buried in France there would be no inquest. It is purely the fact that they were brought back to England. It is a ludicrous situation."

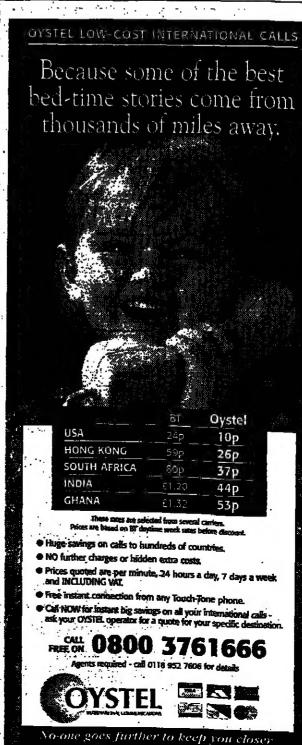
10p tax rate 'won't get people off benefit' REFORMING the benefits system would be a more effective way of getting people into work than introducing a

Their report, published by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, examines the effective-ness of various options, including the planned national minimum wage, in tackling poverty and encouraging people to come off state bene-fits and into work. A minimum wage of £3.75 an hour would lift more than 300,000 workers out of poverty - saving up to £1.2 billion a year through lower spending on benefits and increased tax and national insurance revenue,

lOp starting rate of income tax, researchers claim today.

the report says. But introducing a 10p starting rate of income tax - one of Labour's aims — "would do almost nothing" to reduce poverty or increase work incentives. The report, by a team at Bath University, concludes that a package of benefits measures, including increases in Family Credit for younger children and lower social housing rents; would combine far more effectively with the minimum wage. (PA News)

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Almighty Kohl faces meek revolt from party's Wild Bunch

staid Christian Democratic Union — are promising to give Helmut Kohl, the Chan-

cellor, a bumpy ride at the party's annual conference which opens in Leipzig today. Herr Kohl will certainly emerge again, health permitting, as the party's choice for the Chancellery in next year's election. But his personal, almost feudal, hold on his party placemen in the prov-inces is crumbling. After 15 years as Chancellor, 24 years as party leader, a sense of fin de règne hangs over him and the 1,000 delegates packing the conference hall. This is



naturally pile up: is the

BY ROGER BOYES

ably, these questions will be repressed. The Chancellor knows his way around party conferences and he knows that delegates respond best to nuggets of information, deep fried in high-fat optimism. The Wild Bunch will chall-

amendments to party resolutions — on the need for modernisation. And so the leader will lard his speech how he will make Germany be brought more quickly up

partner if the CDU wins? real movement on taxes iff What happens next? Predict-necessary, increasing petrol they also want to win the election, they will present their demands in the manner of polite sixth-formers.

> The conference has to strike a balance be-tween relatively open discussion - everybody is agreed that the party needs a sharper pre-election profile unity. The Wild Bunch, politicians in their trirties and forties from the Saarland, Lower Saxony, Hesse and the youth wing, have been busily

they will be muzzled in Leipstep down as chairman after the election next September. win or lose. Most want the party to be open to a new partner, which means the Social Democrats, and they talk of a grand reforming coalition. Such an alliance would probably have to dump Herr Kohl. But all this, they grudgingly admit, is mere conjecture, a way of signifying that the young generation of the CDU is still capable of using its brains while nonetheless swearing

loyalty to the Great Leader. The central issue for the

small Mercedes at the Frankcial health. Only when there furt Motor Show recently riddle — is Germany sick? emphasised how German car companies are thriving, adwill the party be able to work justing work times and manout programmes that go bening levels in consultation with unions and staying youd the 1998 election. And only then will Germany be able to judge if Christian democracy, which is witherhighly competitive. The economy is picking up well. ing elsewhere in Europe, has err Kohl's strength

relevance to the country.

The Chancellor continues to believe that the present fine-tuning. His advisers are world. They would like more energy applied to creating jobs — still at a postwar quick to point out how fickle is the so-called Asian model record high - and some of capitalism, how US comegalitarian rhetoric divides Germany, still invest heavily the party, but they are essen-

phoney; neither the Chancellor, nor his rivals and least of all the electorate want radical change. Isolated within the CDU, however, there is a Schäuble, its parliamentary leader, that wants a shake-up

of the country and the party. Since they know their ideas can only be put into practice with a big majority, or a stable coalition, and since some of their ambitions would send German voters scattering for cover, they are quietly waiting for the end of the Kohl era, even for a lost

EUurges Britain to show solidarity with euro launch

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN LUXEMBOURG

BRITAIN will be awarded high marks by the European Union today for progress in for qualifying for economic and monetary union and Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, will use the occasion to trumpet the merits of the Government's new plans to tackle

With just over six months before the founding states are chosen for the single currency, finance ministers are to review Britain's strong record in

achieving "convergence" with the Maastricht criteria.

An expected budget deficit of 2 per cent and national debt of about 54 per cent of gross domestic product put Britain well under the Maastricht ceilings that are causing so much agony for Germany, France and especially Italy. Overshadowing the meet-

ing in Luxembourg today is the political crisis in Rome, triggered by the need for austerity cuts. The fall of the eft-wing Government of Romano Prodi has thrown into

While the EU recognises that Tony Blair is almost certain to exercise Britain's opt-out from the euro at the end of the year, ministers will make clear to Mr. Brown the advantages they see for all sides if Britain were to signal an intention to embrace the currency soon after its launch. in January 1999.

The euro zone would be truly impregnable if Britain came in," a European Com-mission official said, voicing the conventional wisdom in Brussels. "It's hard to see Tony Blair sitting out on the touchline for long if he wants to be a big player in Europe." EU officials have taken note of studies emerging from Lon-don claiming that Britain could do well by joining the single currency at the outset.

Britain will, however, be told it needs to stabilise sterling's exchange rates against other European currencies. Sterling's fluctuating record is a possible impediment to joining the euro because the Maastricht treaty requires two years of prior membership of the exchange rate mechanism (ERM), or at least the same period shadowing it.

The continental states are momentum towards the euro. All other states except Greece

are expected to qualify, though Sweden and Denmark are choosing to stay out. Opti-mism over the suro is being fuelled by resurgent economic growth and by the way central banks joined the Bundesbank in co-ordinating a rise in interest rates last week.

It is no secret that Germans would be relieved to see Italy fail to reach the starting line because that would quell fears of a "soft" euro. Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, understanding of his country's emotional attachment to the strong mark.
While the euro is deemed to

be on course, concern is rising over the continent's failure to curb unemployment - now 18 million jobless. With an EU jobs summit a month away. Mr Brown is to outline his Employment Action Plan and offer it as a model. Britain's diminishing unemployment rate, now less than 7 per cent, is the envy of the EU's big states. But they harbour strong misgivings over the Government's emphasis on "flexibility" in labour markets and its fierce approach to



King Juan Carlos and Queen Sophia flanked by other members of the Spanish Royal Family at the reopening of Madrid's Royal Theatre

Madrid savours night at the opera

FROM GILES TREMLETT IN MADRID

EUROPE'S third largest opera house - Madrid's Royal Theatre - has raised its curtain for the first time in 72

A glittering first night on Saturday, presided over by King Juan Carlos and most of the Spanish Royal Family, marked the end of a chaotic nine-year and its revival as an opera house.

For the past 72 years it has served as

greatest 20th-century composer. Manuel de Falla. Tenor Jaime Aragali and soprano Maria José Montiel were the star attractions in Falla's opera La Vida Breve (The Short Life). Aida Gómez was the principal ballerina in El Sombrero de Tres Picos (The Three-Cornered Han. The scenery designed by Picasso for Diaghilev's production

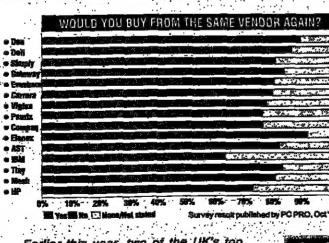
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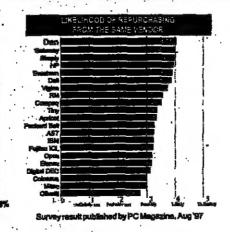
tions dump. The double bill on the opening night was strictly Spanish, opera and ballet by the country's since it closed in 1989. It was to have out a first-class concert auditorium since it closed in 1989. It was to have reopened in 1992 but bickering over money, architectural errors and slow progress pushed the completion date

back by five years. They also saw the original bill triple to £100 million. The opera house took 32 years to build. It opened in 1850 and ceased to stage opera in 1925.

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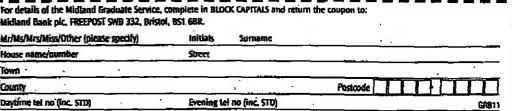
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Doctors declare Vichy shame

FROM BEN MACINTYRE

THE head of the leading French doctors' association has apologised for the "shameful" role played by many health practitioners under the collaborationist Vichy regime in the Second World War.

In the wave of national soul-searching linked to the war crimes trial of Maurice Papon, the alleged Nazi collaborator, the medical profession has joined Catholic bishops. police and lawyers in trying to atone for the moral shortcomings of the Vichy

Dr Bernard Glorion. president of the French Order of Doctors representing 180,000 members, said many members of his profession had backed Vichy laws banning Jews from practising medicine. and called for medical archives to be opened to historians to allow a full

accounting. Under anti-Semitic Vichy legislation, most Jews were barred from working as doctors, and many were betrayed by their French counterparts. A 1941 law restricted the number of Jewish doctors to 2 per cent of the profession.

'I want nothing to be hours," Dr Glorion said.

Queen's tour of India turns sour over Kashmir

THE Queen arrived in India last night to a hostile reception in much of the national press. reflecting suspicions — denied in London — that she is being used to promote a hidden political agenda in the West for a solution to the Kashmir crisis.

It promises to be a tense week, marred by the percep-tion that Britain is pro-Paki-stani over Kashmir and a widespread sense that royal visits are outmoded. Some leftwing politicians have questioned why the head of the former imperial power should be invited to share in celebrations to mark 50 years of independence.

There are suspicions in Indian political circles that Western powers are conspiring to force India to drop its object-ion to international mediation over Kashmir. A statement by Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, that Britain seeks a Kashmir solution is perceived in Delhi as precariously close to Pakistan's policy favouring international mediation.

The Queen urged both sides to end their disagreements to the delight of Pakistan, which seeks constantly to internationalise the Kashmir issue. India opposes any outside "interference" in what it insists is an internal matter.

that Nawaz Sharif, the Pakistani Prime Minister, had spent the better part of the Queen's visit to Pakistan last week acquainting her and Mr Cook with his country's position on Kashmir.

"The Labour Government has decided to exert pressure on India and the beginning is being made with the supposedly non-political visit of the apolitical monarch," an article in the Asian Age declared.



Sikh protesters: want

to receive the Queen, contrary. British Government The monarchy ... cannot really hope to revive its sagging image by conjuring up visions

visit of the Queen was not a goodwill mission. "If it was, the Queen and Robin Cook would have spoken differently in Pakistan. The Queen would not have stuck her imperial nose into what is not her business and Cook would have refrained from his totally uncalled-for remarks on

Security is intense after a series of small bomb explosions in Delhi on Friday. The Punjabi city of Amritsar will be practically brought to a standstill tomorrow when the Queen visits the Golden Temple, the Sikhs' holiest shrine. She will lay a wreath at Jallianwala Bagh, a small park where General Reginald Dyer's troops massacred 379 peaceful demonstrators in 1919. This is likely to satisfy most of those who have been iemanding an apology.

The press has generally found nothing good to say about the visit by the Queen. and the Duke of Edinburgh indeed, it sometimes seems to "gaffe". The Times of India



Gohar Ayub Khan, the Pakistani Foreign Minister, bids farewell to the royal couple in Islamabad yesterday

Indian Express carried a frontpage article, headlined Who comes first, the Queen of England or the President of India?" This concerned a perceived insult on invitation cards to an exhibition at the National Museum to be attended by the Queen and the President, in which her name comes before his. This was a

carried a story headlined "In-dia, UK ties at low ebb as Queen Elizabeth's visit nears". The article complained that Prime Minister, had not been given the courtesy of an invitation to land in London en mute to the Commonwealth summit in Edinburgh lazer

It went on to declare that

trade between the two countries was not expanding and the Labour Party for a plebiwhether it should be part of India or Pakistan. "Even before Tony Blair became Prime Minister, Labour leaders had berrayed pro-Pakistan lean-

Calcutta, noted that the Duke of Edinburgh would not be offered a fat overfed tiger to shoot", as he reportedly was in 1961 by the Maharajah of Jaipur.

Dhaka: At least 20 people

were killed and more than 500 injured when a tornado swept through a town near the Bandadeshî capital, officials

AMAZING SAVE

British offers £5m to speed Rwanda genocide inquiries FROM DAVID ORR IN KIGALI

FOR more than a year, Claver Nkulikiyinka has been in pris-on, facing the death penalty on a charge of involvement in the Rwandan genocide. But although he has appeared in court four times, there is no tried in a country where

justice is grinding to a halt. Since trials began in Rwanda at the start of the year, more than 200 people have been convicted of participation in the murder of nearly half a million people in 1994. Nearly 100 have received the death penalty but no executions have yet taken place. Mr. Nkulikiyinka, a veteri-

nary surgeon, had a lawyer but he is also now in prison facing similar charges.

"A number of people were Nkulikiyinka, dressed in the prison system's uniform of pink pyjamas. But I am nnocent. I was hiding in a neighbour's house at the time. Some neighbours accused me. There's no justice here. It's already been decided that

we're guilty."
Mr. Nkulikiyinka is one of 8.377 inmates at Gikondo prison in Kigali. The jail is a complex of former warehouses which belonged to Felicien. sought by the United Nations International Criminal Tribu-

nal for Rwanda as one of the genocide's alleged master-minds and financiers.

Clare Short, the International Development Secretary. who visited the prison last week, promised 45 million this aid will go to the justice sector but none for the build-

ing of more detention centres.

Although overcrowded, Gi-

kondo is by no neans the worst of Rwanda's prisons, whose population now stands at 120,000 Linder the weight of such members, the justice system is barely able to func-tion. The rate at which cases are being heard is slower than the rate of arrests and already detention centres are full to capacity, As confession procepleading guilty are given reduced sentences, has failed to

"I'd like the trials to be much faster, says Gerald Gahima, secretary-general of the Justice Ministry. But we're going as fast as we can. We're looking for money to build prisons but donors are not enthusiastic."

make the impact expected.

Report rejected: Rwanda has dismissed a human rights report on alleged massacres of Rwandan refugees in the for-mer Zaire as deserving no

Angolan troops in Congo oil zone clash

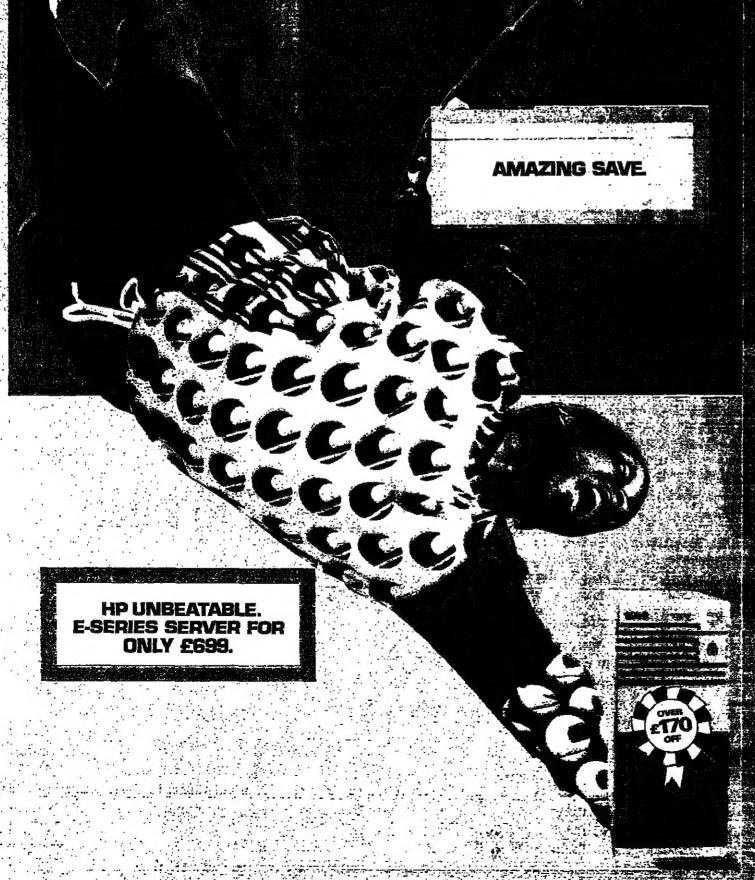
ANGOLAN troops, apparent ly backing Congolese guerril-las, clashed with Congo day around Cabinda, both countries reported. The Angolan-occupied enclave borders

The Republic of Congo said hat President Lissouba's home area in the economically strategic south had been attacked from Cabinda.

But the Angolan Defence Ministry said Congolese troops had crossed the border to launch air and ground attacks. Incursions into the enclave since September 29 have left several people dead, the ministry said.

Congo's military high command said Angolan troops backing rebels had attacked the country's south, but said they had been pushed back. They were heading towards Loudina but were scattered by airborne attacks," it said. referring to one of two southem towns that guerrillas claimed to have taken.

tially dangerous situation in the Jour-month conflict, given the economic significance of the oil-producing Congolese south. The Angolan troop involvement follows reports that Angola's rebel Unita forces were backing Mr Lissouha (Reuters, AFP)



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« Clinton takes trade bloc dream to Brazil

PRESIDENT CLINTON on them to Congress for a 'yes or hope that he will have fast-his first trip to South America, no vote without amendment track authority in time for a will invoke his old dream of a pan-American trading bloc rum Alaska to Argentina, while calling for action against corruption in the region which has hindered

White House initiatives.

He arrives today in Brazil ther an overnight stay in deneratela, on a week-long trip ending in Argentina. It is the first presidential visit to the region since George Bush attended the Rio Earth Summ it in 1990, Mr Clinton's aim is to celebrate South America's quiet and impressive revolu-tion, in the words of Sandy Berger, the National Security ser. But the trip is also driven by the lear that the United States may find it, increasingly hard to influence one of the fastest growing markets for its goods, and that Brazil or Argentina will take the lead in setting the region's

Mr Clinton's visit has been criticised for being no more than a "photo-opportunity" because he is going with "an empty briefcase". To the White House's embarrassment, he leaves without having won crucial "fast-track" authority from Congress to strike trade agreements. The authority. which lapsed recently, would allow him to make pacts with

Without this power, foreign governments will not even bother to sit at the negotiating. table with him.

The unexpectedly tough batthe with Congress has threat-ened Mr. Clinton's dreams of a continental free trade zone, which seemed achievable after the passage of the North American Free Trade Agree-ment with Canada and Mexico early in his first term. The

combat corruption, one factor track authority in time for a hemispheric summit in Chile

in April. Brazil, which has hopes itself of steering the region's trade policy, has made clear that it would be content if Mr Clinton lost his battle. "I don't think that this would really cause any sadness in Brazil." Paulo Tarso Flecha de Lima. the Brazilian Ambassador to Washington, has said. Mr Clinton risks angering

1994 he proposed the creation of a free trade zone extending

between Alaska and Tierra

del Fuego. The United States is al-

ready a main trading partner for all South American com-tries, and the creation of a

free trade pact is seen by some

as an obvious extension of

However, Brazil has ex-

Cardoso said: "We are open to

begin negotiations over a future pact, but are worried

about not getting a fair deal

when it comes to competing

against American companies

essed scepticism. President

growing trade relations.

Legacy of suspicion

the United States backed and funded South American military dictatorships which claimed to be fighting com-munism (Gabriella Gamini writes). This created a deep

anti-American sentiment. In the 1980s, when most South American countries fell beavily into debt and high inflation, the US regarded the southern continent as a financial risk zone."

But South America's fledgeling démocracies have transformed their economies, and their 300 million people are seen by some as a sizeable and interesting market for Ameri-

behind Congress's reluctance to renew his powers. Just days before his departure, a diploreport by the US Embassy in Brasilia which said corruption was "endemic" in Brazilian culture. The State Department announced at the weekend that "endemic" would be re-placed with "widespread".

Hamstrung in promoting economic ties, Mr Clinton will concentrate this week on specific, smaller issues. In Veneznela, a transit route for cocaine from Colombia, Peru and Bolivia, he will sign a 'ship rider" accord allowing US drug agents to pursue suspects in Venezuelan wa-ters. In Brazil, he will agree a formal pact to co-operate on

education and technology.

We are a centre for drug money laundering and each day we detect more drug shipments coming through," Miguel Angel Borrelli, the Venezuelan Foreign Minister, said yesterday, "We want to take part in a multinational force to tackle this growing problem." President Clinton also wants to designate Argentina a "non-Nato military ally" in recognition, according to Mr Berger, of the country's contribution to 16 recent peacekeeping missions.



The Clintons leave the White House yesterday on their way to South America

Older and wiser Hillary organises new lease of life at 50

HILLARY CLINTON sees her 50th birthday later this month, soon after the departure of her only child for university, as a turning point allow-ing her to return to a high-profile role promoting her favourite social

offers 15m

& Rwanda

projects.
"Turning 50 doesn't bother me,"
one of the nation's most famous baby boomers says. But "realising that I'm a half-century old - that's

She will celebrate her October 26 birthday with a gala in her hometown of Chicago, and a visit to all her childhood haunts. But the First Lady plans a campaigning role after big celebration, writes Bronwen Maddox

festivities - a firework extravaganza is planned - "make me feel awkward", she said in weekend interviews before leaving on the week-long tour of Latin America.

Mrs Clinton added that she was coping better than her husband with the "empty nest syndrome" since their daughter Chelses started at Stanford University last month.

President Clinton, who shares with

his daughter a taste for staying up late, badly misses chatting with her after Hillary had gone to bed.

To fill the gap, Mrs Clinton is planning a new series of campaigns to highlight humanitarian and social projects in which she has a particular interest. Later this month, the White House will hold a high-profile conference on child care. That will be followed by an

initiative to push federal agencies into developing nationwide child care programmes. But the bruising memory of her over-ambitious and abortive plans to reform America's healthcare early in President Clinton's first term is still fresh. She acknowledges these days that "may-be it's easier for people to take

reform in small chunks. The new approach marks a cautious return to the spotlight.

After the healthcare fiasco, and criticism that she was too forceful a power behind the throne, she adopted a low profile, shielded almost

entirely from media scrutiny during last year's election campaign.

These days, she told Newsweek magazine, she is less worried about criticism. "I was very upset at times and couldn't understand why people were so critical and opposed to what I was trying to do, no matter what I did. Then I came to understand that was just part of the political landscape.

She is "proud" of Mr Clinton for getting hearing aids after his recent annual checkup. "I know of a lot of men who can't hear at all, but they are too vain to get hearing aids," she

recalled sitting next to President Reagan at a state dinner when he took out his hearing aids for the batteries to be replaced. "He was totally without self-consciousness."

But she added that Mr Clinton was already wistful about the end of his presidency three years from now and that leaving the White House, as one of the youngest former Presidents, would be hard. The Clintons, who celebrated their 22nd wedding anniversary on Saturday, planned to travel even more, she said.

Town seeks to weed out diehard smokers

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

"PSSST, got a cigarette?" current phrase in Win-throp. Massachusetts, should the town council of this tiny seaside conurbation vote next week to ban

the sale of tobacco.

It is already forbidden to smoke in Winthrop in all places but private homes, and the impending ban on sales would make the town - popula-tion 18,000 - the first in America to institute a form of prohibition that mirrors the alcohol-related "dry" laws still found in some parts of the country.

The move to ban tobacco sales in Winthrop is the brainchild of Ralph Sirianni, a member of the town's Board of Health and a crusading former smoker. He has considerable support and the motion is expected to go through with ease.

Opposition comes primarily from the town's merchants. Cigarettes account for at least 15 per cent of all sales at local convenience stores, and shop-owners fear that they will be forced to close if people are driven to make their tobacco purchases in neighbouring towns. Citing the laws which prohibit restraint of trade, a group of businessmen has threatened to challenge the constitutionality of any

Paul Lucerto, the proprietor of Swett's Liquor Mart, said: "Cigarettes are only about 10 per cent of my business, but if people have to leave Winthrop to buy them, they'll buy their beer, wine and lottery tickets elsewhere

han in the state's courts.

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Mr and Mrs Clarkson are aged 53 and 55 and live in Bromley, Kent: For 30 years Mr Clarkson has worked as a self-employed builder, while Mrs. Clarkson is a retired teacher. They have three children: Sally, who is 14 and still at school; David who is 18 and just starting at University; and 20 year old Linda who has just announced her engagement. Mr and Mrs Clarkson are moving to an area they have always liked but couldn't previously afford. But now, with two of the children largely independent, they can manage with a

smaller house. Their ideal property is priced at £70,000 and they are seeking a £30.000 mortgage. Mr Clarkson's income varies throughout the year so they will use their Personal Choice Mortgage's variable repayment option to help level their cash flow. He also wants to take two months off next year and will be taking a payment holiday at the same time. They will also make good use of the cheque book facility to get David started at University and pay some of Linda's

Mr Broadbent is aged 28 and single. He lives in Bristol and is a self-employed photographer, working in various locations ground the country. His income fluctuates. He previously owned a flat which he shared with a friend :..

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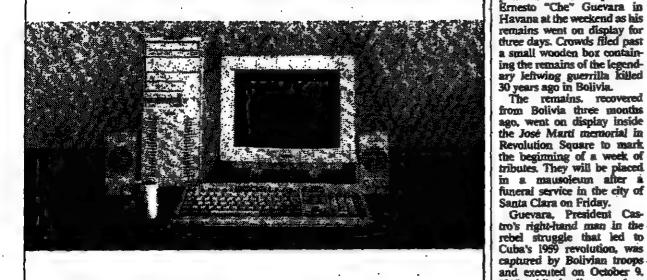
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Israel fiasco inquiry starts

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

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A POLITICALLY explosive inquiry into the most bungled mission in the history of Israel's Mossad secret service - last month's failed attempt to assassinate a Hamas leader in Jordan - opened yesterday at a secret location

The political storm created by the "Amman fiasco" will intensify today when the L20 members of the Knesset. are recalled from recess to debate the incident. Many members of the left-wing opposition Labour Party led by Ehud Barak, have vowed to call for the resignation of Binyamin Netanyahu. the Prime Minister.

Although opposition leaders have already branded the clarification commission" led by Joseph Clechan-over, the respected former legal adviser to the Defence Ministry and now head of the national airline. El Al, a

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THOUSANDS of Cubans paid their last respects to

The remains, recove

Guevara, President Cas-

1967, while leading an abortive guerrilla uprising in Bolivia. The small box contain-

ing the remains was draped

with a Cuban flag and dis-

played with caskets contain-

ing the remains of six former

Señor Castro began the homage late on Friday, mounting a solemn guard of

honour. The Cuban leader,

his brother Raul and the

newly elected Polithuro and

Central Committee went from

the close of the Fifth Commu-

nist Party Congress to pay their respects, standing for a

minute's silence by the casket.

Havana has seized on the

thirtieth anniversary to revive

Guevara's legacy and present

him as more relevant than

ever to Cuba. (Reuters)

comrades of Guevara.

"whitewash", many Israeli security country regarded as the most friendly experts expect it to lead to the towards Israeli Israeli political comresignation of Damy Yatom, who was appointed head of Mossad in 1996.

Mr Neranyahu yesterday rejected outright Israeli press reports that he was already planning to remove Mr. Yatom, nicknamed "The Prussian" because of his strict military bearing. Israeli political sources claimed that names of a possible successor were already being discussed.

Because of the sensitive nature of the hearing into the botched attempt by a six strong Mossad team to murder Khaled Meshaal with a so-far unnamed poison, all hearings by the panel are to take place in camera. Mr Yannu and Mr Netanyahu are due to give evidence in person.

The Government has angrily denied reports in the Western press that Mr Netanyahu forced the Mossad chief against his will and better judgment to go ahead with the mission in the Arab

towards Israel Israeli political commentators believe that the commission's findings are unlikely to force Mr ... Netanyahu's resignation because it lacks the "neith" of a full-scale state

commission of inquiry.

According to Ettan Rabin, the military correspondent of the respected Tel Aviv daily Haaretz, the main questions to be addressed by the committee will

Who gave the final order to carry. out the attempt in Amman on September 25 by a hit team travelling on forged Canadian passports? Did Mr Netanyahu force the operation on a reluctant Mr Yatom?

Did Mr Yatom give the Secret-Services Committee, which is supposed to approve special operations abroad, all the relevant information? ☐ Were the dire security and diplomatic consequences of the operation's possible failure taken into account?

Why was no orderly discussion held by Military Intelligence and Mossad about Mr Meshaal, who nany Israeli security experts have dismissed as a

At least two serior Mostad officials "small fish"? have consulted lawyers about how to present their cases to the pommittee, much of whose final report is likely to be subject to military censuship and not openly published.

Killer neglected: Israe's prison authority yesterday admitted that guards forgot to feed Yirzhak Rabin's assassin for three days over Rosh Hashana, the Jewish new year. Yigal Amir, 27, is serving a life sentence in solitary confinement in a southern Israeli prison for killing the Israeli Prime Minister in 1995. Apparently a guard regularly assigned to Amir was on holiday and no one replaced lim. A prison authority spokesman saic Amir ate fruits and sweets sent by his amily during the holiday.

Chinese workers protest over cuts in pay

FROM JAMES PRINCE IN DELING

POLICE have clasher with workers in the southwestern Chinese city of Zigorg, in Sichuan province, who were blocking traffic to protest against cuts in pay and benefits by their state factry, a

rights group said yesteday.
The New York basedmonitoring group, Human Rights in China, said the demonstrations took place last riday, and involved about 30 employees of the No.2 radios factory. The group sad the workers were joined by about 1,000 other people and they blocked a major highway. About 50 and riot poles and

200 other security mer broke up the protests, according to Human Rights in China. Local police in Zigoni 1,000 miles southwest of eijing, said that the protest were brought about over everal state-run companies that had been declared bankrup. The Zigong city government

has denied that any emonprotests have been roorted from many inland prvince of China, which have filed to keep up with the conomic gains of the coastal egions, where most foreign investment has taken place. Pensioner burden: y 2050 China will have hundeds of

millions of people overretirement age who will hav to be supported by a retrively smaller workforce produced by the one-child policyof the 1970s. This would pace a heavy burden on thina's economy, analysts at ademographic symposium in leijing said yesterday. (Reuter)



Cubans queue to see the three-day display of the remains of Che Guevara

WORLD IN BRIEF

Judge clears Nasa flight to Saturn

Washington: The spacecraft Cassini is set to blast off this morning for Samm, despite fears about the dangers of its huge load of plutonium fuel (Bronwen Maddox writes). A federal judge gave the go-ahead for Nasa's most ambitious and interplanetary mission, rejecting a suit by two lobby groups that had sought to stop the II-year, \$3.4 billion (F2.1 billion) mission on the ground that the Cassini power source of 72b of plutonium posed an unacceptable threat to the environment. Nasa said that if the rocket exploded on launch, radiation exposure would be minimal. Cassini is due to arrive at Saturn in July 2004 after a two-billion-mile voyage. Voyage to Saturn, page 15

Crash victims 'unidentifiable'

The remains of the 73 people on board an Argentine plane which crashed in Uruguay on Friday were so burnt that it was impossible to identify passengers and crew, officials said (Gabriella Gamini writes). The passengers were mainly Argentinians and Paraguayans. "We have recovered only mutilated body-parts, so badly burnt that they cannot be identified," said Didier Operetti, the Uruguayan Interior Minister. A search continues for the blackbox of the DC9 belonging to the Austral airline.

US warships arrive in Gulf

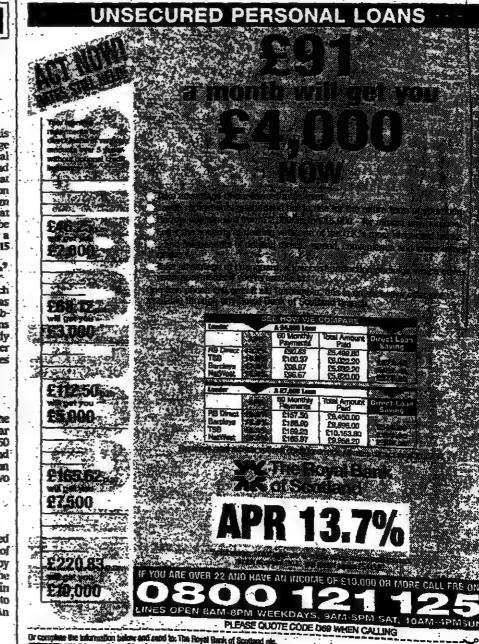
Dubai: The US aircraft carrier, USS Nimitz, moved into the Gulf with its battle group of six warships for operations near traq's volatile border with Iran. The carrier, armed with 50 fighters and more than 20 other fored-wing aircraft and helicopters, was sent to the Gulf ahead of schedule after tension on the border increased as a result of Iranian air raids on two traqi bases of an iranian guerrilla group. (Reuters) .

Execution demand for rape

Sazzaa: More than 2,000 armed Hadda tribesmen surrounded the southern Yemeni city of Dhamar to demand the execution of four men sentenced to death for gang-raping an 11-year-old boy from their tribe. The tribesmen refused to leave until the executions were carried out. Tribesmen demonstrated in Dhamar on Wednesday when one of the rapists was sentenced to death and the others to 20 years in prison and 100 lashes. An appeal court later sentenced them all to death. (AP)

Fresh tremors spare basilica

Assist: Three sharp earth tremors in six minutes yesterday julted central Italy. There were no injuries but buildings weakened by last month's earthquake crumbled throughout the region. The heavily damaged St Francis Basilica appeared to weather the tremors without further harm. One structure hit hard was the 15th-century bell tower of Foligno. (AP)



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Is the Earth really getting hotter?

is increasingly accepted as a fact. The most recent expert to give it his imprimatur is the overnment's Chief Scientist, Sir Robert May. Pretty soon, it seems safe to say, politicians will be justifying higher taxes on fuels on the ground that the putting the output of carbon dioxide. Yet there are still a few awkward problems with the theory that refuse to go away.

SCIENCE BRIEFING The most striking remains the Nigel actual temperature measurements over the past century. At Hawkesground level, they have risen by between 0.3 and 0.6C, signifi-

cantly less than computer models of the atmosphere would have predicted. But even this relatively small increase is thrown into doubt by measurements of the temperature of the lower atmosphere taken by satellites looking down from space, which show no increase at all over the past 20 years, or even a slight decline. Naturally, the satellite measurements have

been subjected to some tough critical analysis. Errors are alleged to have arisen because the temperatures have been measured not by a single satellite but by a series, whose instruments were imperfectly calibrated. When one took over from another errors close, and actual increases in temperature ent undetected. In other words, the satellite data are wrong and can be disregarded.

Not so, say the satellite's champions, Dr John Christy, of the University of Alabama. and Dr Roy Spencer of the American space agency Nasa's Marshall Space Flight Centre in Alabama. In a recent issue of Nature, they but the criticisms by pointing out that not only have careful intercalibrations between the satellites proved that they are measuring the same thing, but that the satellite

temperatures have been con-firmed by balloon-borne observations of exactly the same part of the atmosphere. The results, they say, show that the satellite temperatures are accurate to three one bundredths of a

degree (0.03C).

So what is going on? Christy and Spencer do not deny that increases in carbon dioxide should have some effect on the Earth's temperature, but they believe that the effect is tiny compared with other processes, Among these is the presence in the atmosphere of water vapour, a far more powerful greenhouse

gas than carbon dioxide, and extremely variable both in space and time. They suggest that the temperature of the lower atmosphere is not determined by the balance between incoming solar radiation and outgoing infra-red radiation, as the models require, but by processes of evaporation and convection which transfer heat to the upper troposphere. Once there, it can more easily escape because it is above the heat-trapping water vapour.

Despite the satellite's inability to detect

idence of global warming, it does show up the fluctuations in temperature caused by volcanic eruptions and the El Niño effect. Infra-red images from satellites also show extremely dry areas of the atmosphere over the Tropics which, the scientists speculate, may be "chimneys" that allow heat to radiate freely into space. The effects of these areas of dry troposphere are not well understood, nor are they effectively incorporated into the computer models of global warming. In an ideal world, this clash of cyldence

would be sorted out before we embrace carbon taxes, with all the implications they have for future prosperity. But most experts seem prepared to disregard the satellite data.

Voyage to Saturn

The biggest planetary explorer of all lifts off on a seven-year journey to Saturn and its 18 moons. Anjana Ahuja

reports the Huygens space probe cost £257 mil-lion to build. That makes every second of the three hours of data it will beam back to Earth worth £25,000. It may seem an extraordinary price tag for a series of bleeps from a distant moon, but the scientific alue is impossible to grantify the is impossible to quantify. For Huygens will afford human beings the first detailed look at

Titan, the largest moon in orbit around Saturn. Titan has long aroused curiosity because its atmosphere contains nitrogen, carbon, hydrogen and oxygen, the ele-ments that constitute life on Earth. The composition is thought to mirror the atmosphere on Earth before living organisms appeared. Biologists hope that uncovering the chemical cycles operating on Titan will instruct their own theories about the evolution of

terrestrial life.
Huygens, built by the European Space Agency, is the centrepiece of the Cassini mission, the last in a procession of glorious bottomless-budget Nasa space voyages that began with Mariner in the Sixties and Seventies, and continued with the Viking, Voyager, Pioneer, Utysses, Magellan and Galileo missions. Cassini is the biggest planetary explorer of them all. There is substantial British

involvement. A device developed by imperial College. London, will measure the planer's powerful magnetic field; an elaborate camera devised by Queen Mary and Westfield College will take 300,000 snapshots. The Univeraity of Kent at Camterbury led a consortium that developed the instruments for Huygens, and the probe will use British-designed parachutes to

approach Than. Due to lift off from Cape Canaveral today, Cassini will take seven years to reach Saturn, the second largest, but most beautiful, planet in our midst. The ship is named after Jean Dominique Cassini, a French-Italian astronomer who studied Saturn in the 17th century and discovered four of the 18 moons.

The Huygens probe named in honour of Christiaan Huygens, the Dutchman who discovered Titan in 1655 and first noted that the planet was "surrounded by a thin ring not adhering to the planet at any point and inclined to the During its cruise, the

Cassini orbiter will gain mo-mentum by making four plan-etary flybys. It will skim Venus twice, in April 1998 and June 1999, Earth in August 1999 and Jupiter in December 2000. On arrival at Saturn in the

summer of 2004, it will or crash bno a solid surface. early Eightles revealed that The moon also boasts large amounts of methane in solid, liquid and gas forms - the probe could breathe its last in

Saturn, the solar system's most beautiful planet; and an enhanced picture of the rings

release the Huygens vast methane lake. probe into the soupy orange iog surrounding Titan. When The Cassini orbiter, meanetrisoned. Huygens will while, is expected to circle the freefall towards the moon. It planet more than 70 times and will awaken after a seven-year swing by Titan on 45 occasleep to yield 21 hours of data sions, mapping its surface through the clouds using while it parachutes through the atmosphere, and will radar. The spacecraft will send back information about magspend just half an hour studying the surface of the moon netic fields, the abundance of charged particles, and the chemical composition of the The probe will reveal

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in November 2004, Cassini

exactly which gases are in the fog. and

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rings and moons. Brief flybys of Saturn by Voyager and Pioneer spacecraft in the late Seventies and

the seven rings are slender bands of fine debris, studded with chunks of ice and rock. The flybys also showed that some of the rings were, in reality, many ringlets braided

together. The astonishing diversity of moons will also come under examination. Enceladus boasts a perfectly smooth surface composed of pure water ice; one side of laperus, mysteriously, is black; Mimas and Tethys are scored with impact craters and deep trenches.

It has taken 17 nations 15 years to bring the mission to fruition. The entire cost is estimated at £2.1 billion, which includes the cost of Huygens and its operational expenditure over its 11-year lifespan. Yet there have been numerous attempts to prevent the mammoth mission.

Protests have focused on the fact that Cassini, like other space missions before it, will be powered by the radioactive decay of non-weapons-grade plutonium. At dispute are the three radioisotope thermoelectric generators (RTGs). Each is filled with 72 ceramic pellets of plutonium oxide; these emit alpha rays as the plutonium decays. The release of these rays produces heat, which in turn is converted to electricity to provide propulsion, and to power the 18 on-board instruments.

The main worries are that Cassini is carrying the largest amount of plutonium ever sent into space (about 32 kg); it will be launched by a Titan IV rocket, which has a one in 20 failure rate: the spacecraft will eraze Earth during a flyby in August 1999.

Nasa has responded by conducting numerous risk analyses. These show that a person is more likely to be hit by an asteroid than suffer exposure to harmful radiation; the chances of plutonium being released during the flyby are fewer than one in a million; alpha rays can be blocked by clothing, so the oxide is likely to pose a hazard only if ingested. The pellets are encased in iridium shells, which have been designed to withstand an explosion at

t would be next to impossible to use solar power - Saturn lies more than nine times as far from the Sun as the Earth. The solar energy reaching the ringed planet is only a hundredth of that which falls on Earth. Experts estimate that Cassini would require solar panels the size of two tennis courts; such an array would make the craft too unwieldy to launch.

The final decision to send Cassini to Saturn came from the White House, just over a week ago.

Professor David Southwood, the principal investigator for the Imperial College magnetometer, is among those breathing sighs of relief. He first became involved in the Saturn in 1980, and he guesses he will be analysing data from it until 2010. "That's 30 years of my life so it's an enormous emotional involvement," he

The scientific spin-offs, Professor Southwood thinks, will be tremendous. "Saturn and its moons are like a miniature solar system," he says. "It gives us another shot at investigating how our own solar system evolved. "And, in Titan, we have the

primeval soup that preceded life on Earth. For us, a trip to Titan is a trip to the beginning

Cosmic ray theory

Why some birds avoid short cuts

WOODLAND hirds go to great trouble to avoid crossing open areas of land, experiments in Canada have shown. They are quite pre-pared to take a roundabout route even if it is much

longer, presumably because sticking to the trees offers them greater protection from -André Desroches, of Laval University in ainte-Foy, Quebec, and Susan Flannon, of

the University of Alberta, tried to coax a riety of birds across gaps in the forest, rainging from seven metres up to 160 metres by playing them taped bird calls. They found that muthatches, chickadees, warblers, kinglets and vireos were happy to cross gaps of up to 30 metres but became increasingly rejuctant to do so as the gaps widened. They were eight times more likely to choose a longer, sheltered route than cross a 100-metre

gap, for example.
Going further is costly in energy terms, but limits exposure to predators, the naturalists speculate in Conservation Biology. The finding could be useful in giving guidance to forestry companies and loggers anxious to preserve woodland birds, and emphasise the dangers of fragmenting forests by felling huge strips. It also leads some support to the idea that "corridors" of unfelled forest are



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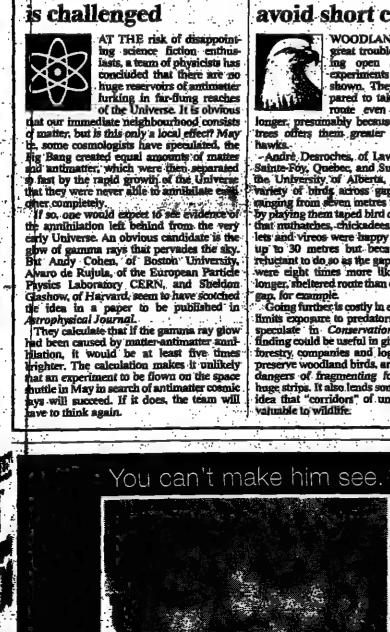
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financially secure. So why a pregnancy? Debbie Beckerman explains

not quite believe it happened. know I am not the first middleclass, married woman with children to have done so, but I do not know of anyone else in my situation. Abortions are either for young girls who become pregnant because they forgot to take the Pill (or took no precautions at all), or for married women who discover that their foetus has a serious abnormality and feel they cannot face life with a disabled child. Why else would anyone terminate the life of a child? For plenty of reasons, actu-

ally, but somehow the subject seemed: it had taken me many is not discussed in polite society. I suspect many friends and Somehow. family will be deeply shocked (despite what they might say to my face) that abortion I took this course of is not action.

There is almost discussed something naughty about saying you in polite are going to have a baby but that (gigsociety gle, giggle) it was a complete accident. It is almost as if

you are saying that you have such an energetic sex life that you cannot be expected to be careful 100 per cent of the time. or that you just cannot break off your session of erotica to sort yourself out by taking that

Pill or whatever. When I found I was a week overdue. I was fairly certain I could not possibly be pregnant, Nevertheless, I trotted off to the chemist to buy a pregnancy test, which I casudid after lunch, fully expecting to be back at my desk five minutes later after a negative outcome. I was therefore completely struck dumb with horror as the dreaded blue line started appearing within seconds, and got stronger. After double-checking the instructions (as if I needed to), ing the fact that I was pregnant. I then spent the next few hours not working, my head in however, was with the preg-

ecently. I had an a spin, my heart in turmoil abortion. I still can-and my nose in my various and my nose in my various pregnancy books, though even at the time I was not sure what was looking for. Miriam Stoppard is hardly going to include a chapter on abortion in her book about pregnancy and childcare. Miscarriage. yes: abortion, no.

knew instinctively that I did not want to keep the embryo. I already had two healthy children but certainly did not plan to have any more. I was surprised at the strength of my feelings, as up until then I had always thought that I would keep any further child-ren I might accidentally conceive (unlikely though that

> each of my two sumed I did not fall pregnant easily). But whichever way looked at it. things were not in favour of continuing the preg-nancy. My two children were still toddlers and both were demanding. I did not want to give them even less time

(and that sibling would necessarily receive even less undi-vided attention than its brother and sister were getting). Some parents manage perfectly well and cope wonderfully with a house full of toddlers and I remain in awe of them; but I know, if I am honest, that I do not fall into that category of parent. I work (part-time), I like to have a modicum of time for myself and for my husband, as well as time and energy to devote what feels to me like proper attention to each child (not firefighting and shouting at them in turns to keep things vaguely under control) and l genuinely did not think it would help our family's equiat this stage, at least.

My overriding concern,



Debbie Beckerman, mother of two: "If I had still been trying to have a family, or complete one, I would have put myself through all sorts of hoops to have a healthy child"

nancy itself and the baby's possible welfare. Both my children were premature, the second requiring several weeks in the special-care baby unit, and I know there is a medical reason for me having early bables. I simply could in all likelihood, another early birth, of requiring possible emergency medical interven-

tion and, above all, of risking the health of the child. I know all too well that not all babies who go into that unit come out with a clean bill of health, and I also knew that I did not want to go through the months of intense worry that would folpregnancy. If I had still been trying to have a family, or to complete one. I would no

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doubt have felt very differently and would have been willing to put myself through all sorts of hoops to have a healthy child. But why risk it, when did not want any more child-.

All these thoughts kept rac-Monday afternoon while I sat there in total shock, wondering what to do. I considered not telling my husband, having a quickie abortion (wasn't that what those so-called lunchtime abortions were all about?) and taking the secret with me to my grave. I ruled that out fairly quickly, decid-ing that I could never look him in the eye again if i concealed such a thing from him.

After his initial bewilder-ment when I told him the news over dinner that evening (the time I usually choose to drop my bombshells, according to him), he mercifully agreed with me that termination was the only solution. Children were wonderful, of that we needed no convincing. How-ever, the downside so outweighed the upside that we kept coming back, inexorably, to the same conclusion - it simply was not responsible for us to have another child.

My GP was very supportive and, as I was able to pay for private treatement. I then went off to the British Pregnancy Advisory Service (BPAS), which arranged the whole process. Despite my fears, they could not have been nicer. First, there is an initital straightforward, though thorough, consultation. All the staff try to reduce the feeling of anonymity to a minimum which is more than the medi-

cal profession manages on many occasions. There is no pressure to think again, although the counsellor who sees you gives you every opportunity to discuss the whole situation if you wish and is at pains to point out that the BPAS provides care and counselling after the event and not just before (not something I was aware off. At no time was I made to feel irresponsible, immoral, stupid, humiliated - all those things you fear you might feel (or be made to feel just to make sure you are put off ever having another

few days later, feeling sick from going to do the same thing — end the life of a potential child - and this was hardly the time to strike up conversation. A couple of women were accompanied by a husband or boy-friend, and a few had girifriends with them. Most,

like myself, were alone. -I had decided I did not want my husband there as this would only make me more likely to cave in to emotion. and, in any event, he would not be allowed on the ward.

staff could not have done more for us. As the inevitable hour approached, i still kept wondering what I was doing there - sure-iy this was not me about to make this momentous decision? Would I panic at the last minute, burst into

tears, change my mind, even? Would

from hospital trolleys?

I was wheeled down to theatre by two cheerful young. women, and was succombing to the anaesthetic. I had opted for a general one as I was not sure I would cope with being aware of the whole procedure as it was being done. Sudden-ly, I was awake again, lying next to the young woman I had seen earlier in the waiting room (one of the two who had

aman with them). Relief that it was all over broke the ice and the four of us found ourselves chatting to each other, albeit dozily, on our trolleys. It was

Half an hour later, back in our heds much-needed comwanted someone to talk to wiches came round and, One by one, we were called up before long, we were all up and disappeared to our allor and dressed and sipping yet ted bed. But once again, the more tea in the day room, waiting to be col-

lected. We - all Even my opened up to each other as we finally husband realised it was over. The women I agreed spoke to were all intelligent, articulate working that it was WODEN. were in their thirthe only ties (one was 40 and married) and solution all had terminated

others do so? utlerly sound rea-Would I hear sobs coming sons. Three, for example, were living in sented accommoda-tion with flatmates. They couldn't afford to rent on their own and certainly did not want to abandon their careers and go on benefit. What right does anyone have to insist that . these women have a child they had not planned and that mother and child should then suffer the consequences of likely poverty? Not one was an irresponsible airhead who had

not thought the situation through. On the contrary, all had sadly come to the cinclusion, after much agonising. that for whatever reason, it would have been unfair to bring a child into the world at that time in their lives.

ome may view these women as immoral, others as deeply moral and responsible Whatever camp one bilongs to, the idea that most women who have abortions are silly teenagers who got caught out. or older women who opt for a medically necessary termination, is far from the truth. We all confessed, in that day room, that we, too, had had an erroneous view of the typical "terminator", and agreed it was time the taboos were removed. Abortion is a private one should have to talk about it. Equally, one should not be ashamed of revealing the truth. The more women do so, the less it will frighten those

who have no other option. As a footnote, the greatest irony of all was reserved for me as I waited for a cab to take me to the clinic on the day of the abortion. My nanny, who had been told she would have problems conceiving, announced she was pregnant. Her child is due in May, when mine would have been, too.

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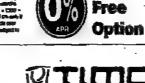
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anxiety and morning Laickness, which was already taking hold, I arrived at the clinic ready to put an end to my pregnancy. I was intrigued by the women in the waiting room with me. Some looked nervous, others not. Each of us was a little island there was precious little eye contact and certainly no verbal communication. We were all

abortion).

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Why you're

never too old

to tell a lie

THERE MUST be very few things sadder than pretending to be younger than you actually are just because you are too embarrassed -- as 100-year-old Ina Marshall of East

Kilbride has been for most of her life — to own up to your real age. I know that I'm not alone in holding this view, because many other boys in my sixth form think this way, too. Ina was the woman who camouflaged her age so as to spare her husband, John, the awkwardness of being married to an older woman. John discovered only last week that

he had been a toyboy for the past 80 years, when his and Ina's joint 98th birthday party was interrupted by the arrival of a telegram from the Queen, dramatically exposing his wife as a centenarian (from the Latin "centum", or "stinking", and "Arian" meaning

"white liar").

But what is it that makes people lie so shamelessly? Often, it is a fear of younger people's attitude to those older than themselves, because - sadly - many people look at a 90-year-old and see only a creased body that looks as if it's just emerged from a powerful

Yet that still doesn't stop me from looking forward to the rewards that growing old brings — including finally being able to abandon the pretence of always having to be smarter than your children. (Obviously, I don't mean your children, whom I've probably

never met, but my children.) Even the apparent downsides of old age carry blessings. Take fading memory, which will be a Godsend if it means I get to erase all the words

of Chirpy Chirpy Cheep Cheep from my brain.
Remember, also, that many people are fully appreciated only when they actually become old: Ronald Reagan and Sir Edward Heath,

for example, are liked much more now they

have reached an age that ends all chance of

OF COURSE, many people fear admitting to themselves that they are getting older because they dread the thought of not being able to do

all the things they once did. But the great thing

about ageing is that when you get older you

find you don't even want to do those things

any more. Already by the age of ten you don't want to ride your tricycle any more, which you would never have imagined at, say, four. When you're 30, the idea of missing large

chunks of a movie just for a snog seems pretty

dumb. When I'm 80 I'm looking forward to

being able to cut short all conversations with

pleasant strangers trying to be friendly, because, really, what's the point? Eighty, thankfully, is just too old to start making new

Best of all, as a centenarian you hold a rare position in society inasmuch as you are one of

the very few people who can still legitimately regard Mick Jagger as a young rock n'roller. And if you still feel queasy about getting old.

fact that you will never be as old as William

their holding high office again.

Hotpoint spin cycle. I know I do.

Joe Joseph calls time on reluctant wrinklies

French women are difficult - I like difficult women'

Grace Bradberry talks to Ewan McGregor, on the brink of being Britain's big new name

Already bigger than Colin Firth, but not yet in the Daniel

Day-Lewis league. McGregor

remains very much the Scot-tish-boy-made-good. Despite

being the most fashionable movie star we have he clearly

does not give a damn about

looking cool. He is wearing

tight black jeans, popular in the late 1980s, and white striped trainers. His hair is unfashionably spiky. In conversation, he is normal, good-

natured and entertainingly

cocky. He also has a good line

The demeanour, coupled with the bleary Scottish burr,

is misleadingly naive. Before he began filming A Life Less Ordinary, he made out to a male journalist that he

couldn't remember Diaz's

name. "I was trying to be cool,

s a drama student, Ewan McGregor once had to be a cup of coffee. "How do you do that? And why should it matter?" he recalls incredulously. Whatever the point of the exercise, you can bet he did t with charisma, just as today, in a characteriess suite in London's Intercontinental Ho-tel, he is doing "Young Star Opens Bottle of Coke," and giving a magnetic perfor-

"I might have a Coke," he says, wandering to the careful-ly laid breakfast table. "Do you want one? Oh, of course, there's no bottle opener," he says, looking helpless. They have waiters for that here. Yeah, I know, but I don't want to bother anybody." He returns to the sofa, and levers the bottle open using the gold

The action is gleefully sub-versive but McGregor makes no acknowledgement, warming iristead to his explanation of why A Life Less Ordinary, his latest film with the team that made Shallow Grave and Trainspotting, should be riskier than those two darker, more shocking movies. That's why, I think, because people expect it to be what it's not, I think it's risky because it's an American romantic comedy."

McGregor, 26, plays Robert, a sacked office cleaner seeking revenge, who kidnaps the boss's rich daughter Celine. by Cameron Diaz Holly Hunter and Delroy Lindo play two angels who are told they face expulsion from Heaven unless they make the couple full in love. It's a delightful, funny, rather old-fashioned film, which plays heavily on the chemistry be-

tween McGregor and Diaz. ISMcGregor worried that a mainstream film might lose him his curring-edge reputation, acquired through his portrayal of Mark Renton, the heroin addict Trainspotting?

Oh no. And there's no way ou could say it's mainstream. round worrying about my image in any way, he says, a bit billigerently,

ince leaving the Guildhall early for a part in Dennis Potter's Lipstick on Your Collar, he has had leading roles in Peter Greenaway's The Pillow Book, the film version of Emma and Nightwatch, a Hollywood thriller. He has also starred in ER, and has two more films, The Serpent's Kiss, a period thriller, and Velvet Goldmine, glamrock film. completed

but not released. In 1999, this impressive list will be overshadowed by the movie event of the millennium: the new Star Wars trilogy, in which McGregor plays the second lead, the young Obi-Wan Kenobi. His fame is about to go intergalactic, but for now we think of him in the same way as other Britpack luminaries. One pictures them hanging out together. "Oh yeah, ha ha ha," he laughs,

So do they? "Not really. I see people from Oasis now and again," he volunteers. It turns out that the previous week, doing publicity in New York. he spent an evening in their dressing room backstage at Saturday Night Live. "But only in a star-struck way. I sit there going. It's ******** Oasis! I'm not one of the team," he



McGregor says A Life Less Ordinary is riskier than Trainspotting: "I think it's risky because it's an American romantic comedy"

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It's embarrassing when men What they're listing for is, She's amazing which now I can tell you she is. But I started having problems with one particular teacher. I'd only seen her in The Mask and I hated The Mask - but She was a Jean Brodie type. of course I remembered her. We'd been quite close, but then When we meet, he is watchshe started pushing me in a ing his language after an interview in The Face riddled particular direction. Anyway, i started answering back and

It was quite a moment for a

boy from Scotland to see

there: 'Jedi McGregor'

three-month shoot of A Life

Less Ordinary. Diaz also rent-

ed one in town. Her boyfriend,

Matt Dillon, was around. On

set, Diaz and McGregor had

adjoining trailers, striking up

a warm friendship.

You hear terrible stories about actresses in Hollywood

demanding three trailers, and I was hoping that she wasn't starry and she isn't. You can see on screen that we're hav-

ing a good time. The romance

is heightened, and there's a

real warmth in our scenes I

think, because we're genuinely

enjoying doing them."

McGregor seems able to
build this kind of chemistry

while simultaneously adoring

his wife. He has just bought a

house in St John's Wood for a

reported £1.25 million. Are the

reports true? "None of your

business!" he says, peeved. "I

wouldn't discuss how much it

cost with anybody," he adds, more emollicatly.

married Mavrakis, who is

seven years his senior. They met while filming Kavanagh

TOMORROW

'I lost a summer and

had to postpone

my wedding.'

Jason Cowley on being

a Booker Prize judge

McGregor was 24 when he

with four-letter words. "I like swearing," he gins. But I was really embarrassed. My she kept sending me to the headmaster... The whole thing became embarrassing." Dad was phoning and saying. Ten years on, he is not only Ewan, you've got to stop famous, but also married - to swearing when you're doing Eve Mavrakis, a French set interviews. I said, 'Oh, I'm sorry, I'm sorry. You forget, designer. She and their 20menth-old daughter Clara, they're sitting up in Scotland move with him wherever he is and all their friends are readfilming. They rented a house near Sait Lake City for the ing it. All my teachers ... "His

headmaster read it. His father

McGregor attended Morri-

son's Academy, a private school in Crieff, Perthshire,

where his father teaches

games. Being a public school-boy, he has a line in rich

vernacular that is surprising, though he is appalled by this connection. "Being a public schoolboy! What does that

At school he played the

French horn, and appeared on

Grampian Television, wiping

his nose on his sleeve between

each passage of Mozart

because he thought it looked

cool: They had to keep cutting

to the planist." For years his father entertained Ewan's

Ewan left at 16, knowing

that he wanted to act. His

parents agreed, partly because

he had become moody and

depressed: "I didn't realise at

the time, but apparently I

was." He has said before that

he had become labelled as

someone with an "attitude

problem". So what happened?

girlfriends with the video.

was mortified."

mean?"

QC, not Scarlet and Black, as has often been reported. That was an earlier French girlfriend. "My wife would love it if you could clear that up," he says, chuckling. So what is it with French women? They're difficult. I like difficult women," he laughs, and who

no, never. I had this amazing bachelor pad in Primrose Hill.

He was there at the birth.

phoned a lot of people. crying down the phone my parents, at 6.30am screeching and wailing]. And they were like... (screeching and wail-ing]. Lots of crying people. Lots of people asleep as well. [Bleary voice:] 'Oh that's good, that's good: [Shouting:] 'No, but I just went through this 'Aye, anyway, I'll speak to you later, it's five in the morning."

You can't help feeling he has no idea how much his life is about to change again. For the moment, he is still consumed by the thrill of being in such a mythical movie as Star Wars. The first day I got dressed properly it was quite a moment for a boy from Scotland to stand there and look in the mirror: 'Jedi McGregor'." His older brother flies Tornados in the RAF. "Mad bastard, he's really fast." So he won't be as impressed by Star Wars? "He will be deadly impressed. Things like Cameron Diaz really **** him off. I had to get her to sign a picture for him, which he has above his

● A Life Less Onlinary opens nationwide from October 24

can tell if he's serious. Would he, at 20, have imagined marrying so young? "No,

The things that went on there. But then he began to feel low. "So I wasn't very satisfied with it any more, and then I met Eve and it really did feel very, very different. And we wanted to get married, so we got married. Then I got really, really excited about having children, and I wasn't wrong to be so excited."

"And that was extraordinary. That's something you can't put into words. We'd been in there, 24-hour labour, Caesarean section at the end ... it was the longest emotional experience of my life, ha ha ha. you know, and then they send you home. And I thought, 'No, you can't ... What am I meant to do when I get home? So I got home and opened the door, and it was like walking into somebody else's life.

bed. The marital bed. A wicked sense of humour obviously runs in the family.

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This is the exotic week of the two Bookers. One in the City of London to anoint the Booker novel of 1997. The other in the city of Cheltenham for the novel of 1847. In both cases it will

be a damned close-run thing. This year's Booker list has been shrugged off and slagged off in a manner which this annual literary contest must long have got used to. Shrugging off is par for the course. as is slagging off, deriding, scorning and bemoaning. This is called the literary life.

I was informed by a literary man of massive gravitas that the literary editor of a monumentally literary broadsheet had declared himself against this year's Booker list - even though, under some (though only slight) pressure, he conceded that he had not read a single novel on the list. Few can aspire to such pure judgment, so unclouded, so uncorrupted. But of course I disbelieve my informant, despite his gravitas, knowing that such a thing could never be Literary London and this was no

engendered by the fever of emotions stirred by this famous liter-

Of course our literary editor might have been momentarily angry because some of his favourites were not shortlisted. In this, if true, he is a real man of the people, for anger at omissions is common to all of us.

Two novels I have read this year certainly "deserved" to be on the shortlist: Bernard MacLaverty's Grace Notes and Jim Crace's Quarantine. But alas, like 60 million others, I am not a judge. Having read all six shortlisted books I would claim that two are a worthy match for several of the winners over the past 28 years. That, though, is just my opinion.

And that is the devil of it. We are in the hands of mere opinion. It is clearly barking mad to attempt

more than yet another canard final judgments on paintings, songs, books or anything artistic that moves. Dogs, my dog breeding friends tell me, are different: there are points to be observed and ticked off. Experiments, scientific acquaintances say, are also different: there are proofs to be had. But art by the yard or by the theorem is a slippery business at best.

Yet merrily we roll along dishing out judgments. Provided everyone accepts that it is a game, but one which can be played with a certain intelligence and a sense of fairness, then not too many pates get broken. I do not envy tomorrow night's judges, but I would be very surprised if, in a few years' time, the winner does not settle down comfortably alongside most of the other Booker winners.

Sunday, and you will find an instructive comparison. In 1994 Yet go back 150 years, glide gently westward from the City of Ion Trewin, publisher and bookman, had the clever idea of doing a Booker prize for the class of 1894. I London tomorrow night to Chel-

There were six of us, and John Coldstream who set the year in

Each of us took a book of that year, discussed it in front of the Cheltenham audience, retired to vote, voted while the public also voted, and returned to proclaim Esther Waters by George Moore the winner. (I would have gone for The Jungle Book and might even have said so had there been an 1894 paper on hand to gripe to.) 1895 was won by Jude the Obscure which was my choice, so I was, silent and serene and perfectly. content with the judging process. H.G. Wells's Island of Doctor Moreau triumphed in 1896 (I was much surprised that Outcast of

the Islands was not in there!). But look at the line-up for an astutely chosen 1847. Dombey and Son by Dickens, Vanity Fair by to overleap the great Dickens, have their day.

A great shortlist for the Booker . . . was one of those who took part. William Thackeray, The Macdermots of Ballycloran by Troliope and then the Three Belis, later known as the Brontes: Emily with Wuthering Heights, Charlotte with Jane Eyre and Anne with Agnes Grey. This is a list of glory.

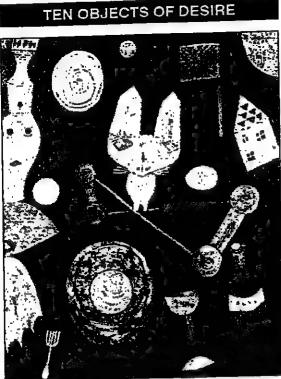
> f course there was a touch of hindsight here among the pre-judges. The long list of 112 novels endured by today's judges was abjured and there was no calling in of late favours. Just — just these six. The panel besides Ion Trewin is Victoria Glendinning, Malcoln Brad-bury, Clare Tomalin, Roy Hattersley and myself. We will be racked with the wonder and the

wonderful ridiculousness of it all. What terrific fun to contest the claims of Dickens and Thackeray. whose Vanity Fair was said in 1847

What fine scalpels will be needed to slice through the comparative sibling qualities of the increasingly more extraordinary Brontes; and who can deny the power of that Tyrannosaurus rex of 19th-century literature, Anthony Trollope? Those rare but increasingly

numerous people who inhabit literary festivals will undoubtedly even now be reading, sorry, rereading all six of these novels. But the hard question has to be asked. Would not a Booker Prize in 1847 with all its attendant publicity have made the name and the reputations of Messrs Dickens. Thackeray, Trollope, Bell Bell and Bell? Would they not now take up even more shelf space in libraries, and encroach into even more than 50 per cent of the paperback space in the latest gilded bookshops, had Booker's benison been then what it is now? Where was Booker when it was needed to speed these writers on their way? We shall never know, but we can be thankful that at last in Cheltenham they will

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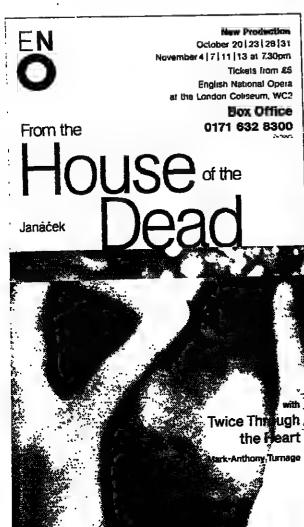
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■ PAUL KLEE: Colourful Meal, 1928

EVERYTHING in this canvas seems as playful and innocent as a child's painting. The assembled objects appear to be dancing, and their brightness looks jaunty against the blackness behind. After a while, though, the festiveness falters. The wine spilling from the glass induces a seasick mood. The bilious orange face on the left looks apprehensive, and the miniature house teetering on the other side might well keel over. Intoxication can easily turn into queasiness. Klee takes a puckish delight in hovering between both states, like the strange pink creature balanced precariously on a wire at the centre. Is the blackness beyond a tablecloth, or the infinity of a night sky? Klee does not tell us, but his deceptive picture keeps both possibilities up in

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A medieval love to die for

Edward II, given its British pre-miere at the Hippodrome by Birmingham Royal Bailet on Thursday night, is a brave adventure. By choosing one of the most unsavoury episodes in British history as its subject, and by commissioning an original full-length score from a composer whose work is not immediately recognisable to the theatregoing public, Bintley has shown himself to

DANCE Birmedian:

be a choreographer who is not afraid to take risks.

Bintley, who bases his ballet on Christopher Marlowe's play, portrays Edward II as a termented homosexual monarch too bound up in his own desires to see to the needs of his kingdom. Bintley develops his medieval drama through a series of pas de deux: for Edward: Gaveston, the King's gay lover; Isabella, the King's neglected wife; and Mortimer, the powerful baron who orchestrates Edward's eventual downfall. Each pas de deux tells a different story - of desire, desperation or danger

on their narrative success. This is where the inadequacies of John McCabe's otherwise fine score come into play. He is an accomplished orchestrator, his brass-inflected writing evoking dark hazy corners wherein hirk agents of evil. But McCabe fails to shape his atmospheric score for intimate movement. One scene blends into another, the uniformity of scale making it difficult for the choreography to find a distinct framework. Where McCabe's style works best is in the passages of pure violence — the execution scene is terrifically theatrical.

Bintley, too, has his problems. The homosexual coup-lings are a little skittish. although a love duet is necessarily awkward when you can't rely on big lifts to provide

parative rarity nowadays. Its humour is tricky in an age

sensitive about racial stereo-

typing, the hero is monstrous-



Wolfgang Stollwitzer (standing) as Edward II in David Bintley's new work for Birmingham Royal Ballet, with Andrew Murphy as Gaveston

the emotional exclamation points. But Edward's final duet, with his executioner Lightborn, is forthright and poignantly disturbing.

Bintley resists the temptation to get too graphic in so bloody a story, although when he does use blunt statement the red hot poker, for instance - the effect is arresting. He also sets up a resonant contrast between the tenderness of Edward's love for Gaveston and the brutality of the other relationships that engulf the

Pretty sight for sore eyes

Die Entführung

Glyndebourne

ly. Ghillian Sullivan cannot

disguise the hideous difficul-

ties of Constanze's role, but

she too sounded less laboured

in that duet and brought more

variety of dynamic to her singing, auguring well -- with

luck — for later performances.
The comic roles are nicely

Peter J. Davison's powerful sets, exquisitely lit by Peter Mumford, convey the damning enclosure of Edward's world. Jasper Conran's beautiful costumes take the medieval period as their starting point

but travel through five centuries of fashion, right up to the bondage gear of Edward's

Wolfgang Stollwitzer, who originated the role at its Stuttgart premiere two years ago, is Edward, equally persuasive playing puppy love games with Andrew Murphy's sympathetic Gaveston or scrabbling to save himself at the horrific moment of death. As Isabella, Sabrina Lenzi's best scene is early on when she pleads — impassioned but impotent - for Edward's attention. A charismatic Joseph Cipolla is the leather-clad Mortimer, ideally cast to lead the barons' revolt and to

seduce the starved isabelia. DEBRA CRAINE

through Blonde's notes and

cheerfully subverting the age-

old values of the harem, and

Jeffrey Lloyd-Roberts making

Pedrillo less tiresome than

usual through sheer theatrical

nous. The tempos chosen by the conductor Richard Farnes

all sound absolutely right: the

piece seems shorter than it

show looks and, for the most

part, sounds lovely.

Inspired by the noise

WHILE their musical cousins the Verve have gone sprinting to the top of the charts, Spiritualized remain essentially a cult band. Their impressive third album, Ladies And Gentlemen We Are Floating In Space, although released to a chorus of critical approval in June, quickly slipped from view. And while they command a steadily growing and utterly devoted following, the Midlands band exhibited a broad streak of musical extremism at their sold-out Albert Hall show on Friday that was every bit as confrontation-

al as it was inspirational. It began (and ended) with a version of the modern gospel standard, Oh Happy Day, a hit in this country for the Edwin Hawkins Singers in 1969. "Oh happy day, when Jesus washed my sins away. Jason Pierce sang, his face wreathed in dark shadows while the stage was engulfed in a purple haze of dry ice. The delicate, neo-hymnal mood of the song was shattered by the abrupt onset of No God Only Religion, a sudden crescendo of noise which was accompa-

nied by blinding bursts of strobe lighting.

Thus the pattern of this entrancing and exhibitarating actually is, though some dis-creet trimming of the dialogue would not come amiss. But the performance was set. The band were joined by a fourpiece horn section, a four-piece RODNEY MILNES

string section and eight members of the London Community Gospel Choir, who sang brilliantly. Themes of spiritual uplift alternated with anthems of chemical release, as the show see-sawed giddily between delicate lullabies and bouts of harsh cacophony. The strands were eventually woven into a transcendent whole during Cop Shoot Cop. a 15minute tour de force during which they conjured a sequence of such apocalyptic fury that various members of the Albert Hall staff could be seen diving for cover through

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ames MacMillan is a confessional artist: his beliefs, his roots and his sincerity are writ large in his music. So it is true to form that his concert series at the South Bank should present a deeply personal portrait: here was the private man penning a wisp of sonic poetry to his baby daughter (Angel), and the public man offering detached commentary on British historical figures (... as others see us...). Here, even, was the composer with the courage to place his own work, Busquedas, beside that masterwork of the avant-garde,

Berio's Laborintus II.

The pianist Rolf Hind began the early recital with some of MacMillan's most intimate creations: Lumen Christl. a premiere, is a deft play on an Easter chant: here there was a sense of a mind intent, musing and solitary. The slight Barncleupedie weaves "shall ye no come back again" into a Satiesque Gymnopédie, and After the Tryst sets up a dynamic relationship between comforting arpeggios and vis-ceral, folk-like violin gestures.

Clio Gould was a bold, fresh soloist in this and Kiss on Wood, creating rapt attention where the music ends stranded up in the heights. Rolf Hind finished with a dashing performance of the piano sonata, which rarely reaches out be-youd the gestural.

in ... as others see us... portraits of his subjects were thrown on to a screen. This was a vital addition since the pièces themselves are sparse arid strangely straitjacketed. The madrigal which metamor-



clever, almost mocking evoca-tion of T.S. Eliot, but too often rhythmic figures arrived in unison, and musical lines were held apart.

MacMillan wrote Busquedas for the same forces as

Berio's Laborintus II. and both are, in one sense, dramatic representations of Hell. MacMillan takes as his text writings of the Argentine "Mothers of the Disappeared". Yet, despite the stark emotional impact of the work whose pathos was underlined by Diana Quick's heartfelt narration, it is essentially onedimensional.

This was emphasised the moment Berio's Laborintus II. began, sweeping all before it in a stream of supple invention. While MacMillan's use of jazz and rock is gutsy, emphatic, Berio relaxes into a truly mesmeric improvisational dance, given a wild underpinning here by the bassist Mary Scully.

Singers, full ensémble and electronics skittering down from the stratosphere all cohere in a beguiling drama, full of our ageous subversion and given a brilliant rendering by Terry Edwards and the London Sinfonietta Voices, It was a grand gesture of hom-age from the sober Scot to the Faustian Italian.

HELEN WALLACE

Tuba in bloom

ynics might think it opportunist programming to have Nigel Kennedy as soloist in Elgans Violin Concerto, with Sir Rog-er Norrington additionally conducting Vaughan Wil-liams's Sixth Symphony, when the former has a new recording of the concerto out next month and the conductor is known to be newly record-ing a cycle of the Vaughan er it meant that both works probably had more attention than otherwise, and the result was certainly enjoyable.

Kennedy has refined his approach to Elgar since his previous award-winning disc more than ten years ago. He now discusses the music's introspective implications in dialogue with the orchestra rather than imposing on it, and the London Philharmonic Orchestra here was warmly passionate in searching out the beauty of thought behind the notes. The violinist still indulges a romantic portamento in sliding from one note to another, and his soft-focus tone in quiet passages was

superbly achieved. Norrington seats his players to best advantage in these works, with the first and second violins on opposite sides, the double basses strung

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out along the back, and the lower brass giving added weight from one side. My hero of the ensemble was the tuba player, whose rich sonority was repeatedly highlighted. He shared the brass honours with the roguish tenor

saxophone in the Vaughan Witharts symphony, which herrington, splendidly revitalised it a way that commanded respect as well as visceral excitement. Always one of the composer's finest works, its recent comparative neglect has deprived us of a symphonic experience that can be almost unbearably grip-

my only reservation was in its caim yet bleak epilogue movement, where Vaughan Williams constantly marks every instrumental entry to be without crescendo", but where the conductor did not rigorously insist on this and so deprived the movement of the eeriness of a soundscape laid waste. Still, there had been brilliant instrumental response to remind us of the

NOEL GOODWIN desires, and their twin secrets, thwart



Belgian export: Children weave and spin their cars across the neon-lit track in Alain Platel and Arne Sierens's fascinating new production

Dance of the dodgems

This famous old venue, the Pantheon of lost L causes, is open for a stage show again, but only for two evenings and an afternoon, so that by the time this notice appears the show will have moved on. Not immedlately back to its home town (Ghent) but to Glasgow's Tramway for next weekend, and Newcastle Playhouse the weekend after.

If there is anyone else like me who has had only one unswerving ambition since the age of ten, which is to be the man who jumps on and cond dodgens while they are moing, this show is worth crossing the country to Glasgow, Newcastle or even Ghent to

the marriage of Constance Holland-Lloyd, and Oscar Wilde would never sit comfortably in

the pages of a romantic novel. Wilde

may have initially struck his future

wife as exotic, but unravelling what

made the playwright special was never

going to bring her rapture.

Working from a suggestion in
Wilde's De Profundis, Thomas Kilroy's
stylised, experimental The Secret Fall

of Constance Wilde at the Abbey

frames Constance (Jane Brennan) and

Oscar (Robert O'Mahoney) as puppets.

They may imagine themselves to be

enduring dangerous uncharted waters,

but they remain someone's devices for

playing out ideas about freedom, love,

nermanence, transcendence, innocence

With this kind of dramatic workload,

it is hardly surprising that Constance

and Oscar do not communicate

smoothly. As they act out their affair

(aided by masked attendants) the

contradictions in their needs and

and experience.

see. It is the brainchild of the vigorous creative team of Alain Platel and Arne Sierens who together make up the touring company Victoria. All but two of its cast of Il

are teenagers, and some are said to be from Camden, though all the surnames look Flemish to me. Oh, there is a stunningly beautiful girl called Magdalena Przybylek. who tells an evidently coarse story to an uncomprehending Fleming, in Polish, lengthily, three times, with increasingly unroistakable gestures.

The action revolves, literally, around and upon a dodgem track mysteriously named is indeed a silent young girl in

their efforts to communicate.Kilroy,

with support from the crisp designs of

Joe Vanek, constantly reinforces his

puppet metaphor and its fatalistic

suggestions. Two pristine, lifesized

stick puppets take the silent parts of the

Wildes' children. Two garganman

In the world of flesh and blood,

O'Mahoney's Wilde is a familiar

representation, a tortured soul flip-

flopping between goodness and other.

more watchable tendencies, while

Brennan has to create something new

for Constance and does so with

effigies tower over the actors at their

Roundhouse

a white dress who looks as if she has forgotten the way to her First Communion procession, and may well be seeing a vision during one of the disco tracks, this religious underpinning is probably only an item that Platel and Sierens needed to start their creative juices flowing. Unless they are suggesting that the lairground is the modern Church, where kids size up each other's potential and enjoy an orgy of

We begin with a Bach Kyrie accompanying the steady rais-

Working along Wilde

and woolly lines

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the chicken wire cailing of the track. Five giant galoshes to be the cars beneath their drapes, and gradually the fairground workers are joined by schoolkids. There now follows some truly weird dialogue, ponderously freighted with swearing and spoken as if through treacle. Even this eventually generates a mad fascination at the contrast

between the flowing physical

actions and the stodgily em-

phatic delivery. Because it is the action that gives this show its astonishing maginative hold. With Fred-

the other leading girl, the kids weave and spin their cars across the neon-lit track. In one long sequence a single car slowly circles while its four occupants flop sideways out of it, clamber up the mast and drape themselves around each other with such unfailing agility and unfolding grace that I could have watched them at it for an hour. Fragments of individual stories emerge above the treacle from time to time but ali that matters is the balletic beauty of the dancer-

drivers as they glide between states of individual aggro and co-operative display. JEREMY KINGSTON a misfired attempt at satire. Some time in the unspecified future, three nuns Bernadette McKenna) holed up in an attic are visited by a pair of builders (John Kavanagh and Phelim Egan) who burst in through a window. Their arrival precipitates, for reasons that

are not obvious, a night of introspection. O'Connor's first act meanders, patterned only with occurrences of the author's familiar brand of dusty, limp repartee, in which an expletive is happily left as a punchline. The high point of the second half involves Fricker reciting Mills & Boon-ish twaddle as though it were an undiscovered epic by W.B. Yeats. The whole production is so disjointed that it occasionally seems as though the actors have just awoken to find themselves on stage, and are making the best of their predicament. Little

wonder the angels were weeping. LUKE CLANCY

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Why royalty thrives on republicans

Frank Prochaska on Diana's

death and the anti-monarchists

The death of Diana, Princhy has had less to fear from cess of Wales, has reconstitutional innovation than it believed. Lord Broughham's invigorated remark, made in 1837, Is intriguing: "Far from dreading the policy which would strengthen the people's hands by confirming their monarchy debate just when it was showing signs of flagging. It is too early to be sure about the impact of the Princess's life on the Crown, but it seems unlikely that republicans, who liberties and extending their rights, we ought to pursue this course for the sake of the monarchy itself, which we seek to use her as a vehicle to destroy the monarchy, will make much headway. Will a devoted public deny her her great wish — that her son shall thus better entitle to the people's affections, and render, because more beloved,

become King?

Meanwhile, Tony Blair has invested heavily in the Royal Family. No one should be surprised by this, for he inherits a political system with built-in prejudices in favour of monarchy, backed by voters with little enthusiasm for constitutional upheaval.

Where republicans see royal obstruction. Balir sees royal potential. Quite sensibly, he believes that since the monarchy will be around for the foreseeable future, it should be relevant and useful. Moreover, he appreciates that the Crown, far from impeding reforms, as republicans imagine, makes it easier to implement them. As the work of the Princess of Wales demonstrated, the monarchy is an agency of social empowerment. With

one foot in the State and the other in the charitable sector, the Royal Family is in a pivotal position to bring them to-

gether in dynamic partnership, Ideo-logically, the Prime Minister and the Prince of Wales have much in common, especially on issues such as education and the inner cities. In

what may be a portent, the Prince's Trust range of charities will play an important part in the Government's Welfare to Work programme.

Such initiatives may pay unforeseen benefits, for a Labour administration may need the monarchy more than a Conservative one. Popular rule requires symbols of legitimacy - never more so than during periods of reforming zeal. Ben Pimlott has pointed out that the monarchy made Labour's postwar programme of nationalisation more palatable to the nation at large, for it "stood as a guarantee that pragmatic caution would prevail and radicalism kept within brounds". The same Government found the monarchy useful in giving respect-ability to the fledgeling National Health Service.

form of imperfection over Such historical reminders will not persuade republicans, for they suggest that the monarchy may be needed to give legitimacy to their own reforms. One might conclude dose of republicanism has that they must either foment been invigorating to the mon-archy. Historically, the most revolution, or persuade the Royal Family to join their important effect of anti-moncampaign, Indeed, several rearchism has been to push publicans, with more than a members of the Royal Family hint of innocence and desperation, have called on the Queen to declare a republic. Others role, making them more sensitive to respectable opinion and have entreated Prince Charles responsive to social issues. to stand down when the Queen Republicn reaction to the dies. They might be better death of the Princess is advised to recast Charter 88. another shot in the arm. rename it Charter 1688, and open discussions about the Frank Prochaska is a Visiting Fellow at All Souls College.

constitution with the Palace. There may be a message for the Crown in all this. Over the

past two centuries, the monar-

68 years since the great Wall Street crash of 1929. The initial pattern of these two crashes was the same: stock markets rose to exceptionally high levels of value: interest rates started to rise, so bond markets fell; stock

more secure." On Brougham's

analysis, the only innovation that the monarchy could not survive would be its abolition.

have failed to notice just how

much the monarchy has adapted already. In political essentials, Britain is a repub-

lic, with a constitution that

largely conforms to the de-

mands of 19th-century radical-

ism. Victorian republicans

were much more interested in

the extension of political rights than anti-monarchism. The

MP Henry Labouchere, whose

republican sympathies alarmed Queen Victoria, be-

lieved that the monarchy's

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monarchy is less obstructive to democracy than republicans believe. Britain, of course,

retains a vestige of ancient privilege in its head of state. To

anti-monarchists this is mon-

strous. It might be said that

they are better logicians than

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something the electorate

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markets made a panic correction. After 1987 this was followed by longterm recovery, and little lasting damage was done to the world economy; after 1929, the recovery petered out in 1930, and the world economy went down into the slump. Japan went through the same experience after the end of the 1980s, and the Tokyo stock market is still only a little above half its peak level.

n a few days' time the world's stock markets will see the 10th anniversary of the 1987 crash: it is

Wall Street has risen in the 1990s in a way which is alarmingly reminiscent of the 1920s, the 1980s, and Japan before the Tokyo crash. The standard measures of value, dividend yield, earnings yield and the ratio of the share price to the book value of the underlying assets, are all higher than they were in 1987, or even in 1929. The simplest comparison of all, though not the most sophisticated, is the dividend yield. That is now 1.6 per cent; in late September 1929, before the panic, the dividend yield on Wall Street was more than 3 per cent. In the major bear markets of the 20th century, the bottom has never been reached before the dividend yield had gone back to more than 6 per cent. If this market crashes, it has potentially

a long, long way to fall.
The over-valuation by historic standards is less extreme in European markets, but is still disturbing; on some estimates, the over-valuation in the important European stock markets is about two thirds that of Wall Street. It used to be said that if America caught a cold, Europe would have pneumonia; now if the United States catches pneumonia, Europe can expect a nasty bout of flu.
Last week the Chairman of the

Counting the days

As the parallels with historic market collapses grow more disturbing, don't expect any soft landings

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to a Black Monday

issued the second of his major warnings about the Wall Street warnings about the Wall Street boom. He is very worried about inflation. In the past, inflation has been the underlying cause of all the market crashes. In its early stages, monetary inflation pushes up asset value: a little later, inflation spreads through the economy, interest rates rise and that rise triogers the stock rise, and that rise triggers the stock market collapse. Mr Greenspan is particularly worried that the demand for labour will cause American payrates to rise, and unemployment in the United Control has now follow the United States has now fallen below 5 per cent.

Mr Greenspan told the budget committee of the House of Representatives that: "The performance of the labour markets this year suggests that the economy had been on an unsustainable track ... if labour demand continues to outpace sustainable increases in supply, the question is surely when, not whether, labour costs will escalate more sharply. The iaw of supply and demand has not been repealed." Alan Greenspan is about the most experienced economic analyst in America. In the 1970s he earned his living by economic forecasting, when he was not doing public jobs such as that of Chairman of President Nixon's Council of Economic Advisers. He has a record of getting things right.

As Chairman of the Fed, he is not just making forecasts, he controls American interest rate policy; last Wednesday's statement is regarded

as a public warning that he intends to raise interest rates. He is not only concerned about the labour market he is worried about the "irrational exuberance", as he once called it, of Wall Street. On Wednesday he said that "financial markets seem to have priced in an optimistic outlook"...

Unexpectedly, the Bundesbank raised its interest rates last week. The central banks of Austria, France, Denmark. The Netherlands and Belgium followed the German exam-ple, while the Bank of England has

William Rees-Mogg

raised rates already, and may well do so again. In the United States unemployment is less than 5 per cent. In Europe, apart from the UK, average unemployment is well over 10 per cent; it is more than 20 per cent in Spain and east Germany. The higher interest rates are thought appropriate as part of the prepara-tion for the single currency, it seems wrong to deflate the European econo-

my while unemployment is so high.
In the United States, share prices have been pushed upwards by the communing flood of money into-mutual funds. Most of this investment has been done by the baby-

the years after the war and is now aged between the early 30s and 50. This generation has not been good at saving in the past, and is experiencing a belated savings panic in middle life. Mutual funds have seemed an easy option; they offer little or no income — the 1.6 per cent dividend yield scarcely covers costs — but they have shown spectacular capital re-

turns during the boom years.

If interest rates do go up in the
United States and Europe, their bond markets will fall; that is likely to trigger falls in the stock market. At some point, the baby-boomers may notice that they are getting a negative capital return from mutual fund investment. Some will stop buying others will want to self. There may or may not be another panic, but the conditions for a panic will undoubtedly exist. Nor could Mr Greenspan do much about that. The gap between expectation and reality, the pricing in of an optimistic outlook, has become too great. If Wall Street stops going

up, it can only go down.

There are plenty of other worries in the investment world: the Japanese economy is weak, and the Japanese banks could want to repairiate some of their funds: the economies of Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand and the Philippines are in difficulties. There are wider anxieties about the trend of world liquidity. This boom has been fed by easy money; there is now less easy money about.

hule comfort from the argument that there is now a "new paradigm", that we are living in a new age and that the old rules have been suspended. Historically such theories of a new paradigm have provided rather a paradigm have provided rather a good indicator of market tops. John Law invented a new paradigm of credit expansion in the Mississippi bubble of 1720; the railways were the new communications paradigm at the time of the railway mania; suppossibles and radio paradight the automobiles and radio provided the new paradigm of the 1920s; computer networks and globalism are the new paradigm of the 1990s. When the market is so high that it has become impossible to justify still higher prices on the old argument, someone always comes along to say "it's different this time". It never has been before, and Alan Greenspan does not think it is now.

o one can know when the top of the boom will come. or whether it has already passed. I suspect that Wall Street will find it very hard to stay above 8,000 on the Dow Jones. but I may be wrong; we could have a Black Monday today, or in a week's time, or in a year or two. The certainty is that stock market values are already way above their historic norms; they are way above their longterm trend lines, in the United States, in Europe, and in those other world stock markets which have not yet fallen. The likelihood is that stock markets will not have a soft landing:
if the mutual fund investors of the United States stop buying, Wall Street will have to fall a long way to get them started again.

The risk of a stock market crash is a threat to world prosperity. Japan has had seven lean years after the fall of its stock market. The United States had ten lean years after 1929. There is much more than the fortunes of

Proceed with care, Mr Blair

3: Behind the

rhetoric, the Prime

Minister is no

risk-taker, says

Peter Riddell

ony Blair has always been bold on strategy, but cau-tious on tactics. That is why he is so successful, and popular. But he now faces a series of decisions - over a single currency, electoral reform and the welfare state that will show what lies behind his rhetoric about "hard choices".

His own views are unclear. He is temperamentally more interested in ends than means, big strategic goals such as Britain's position in Europe than details of implementation. He also believes that the Government's ability to take action is dependent on maintaining his and its popularity. even though current, record pall ratings are unsustainable. That could lead to a risk-averse approach to win re-election in four years' time. However, Mr Clair wants to show

that he can be as radical in Government as he was in Opposition, producing a record comparable to Asquith and Attlee. He can already point to Gordon Brown's bold initiatives over monetary policy and City regulation, and to his own commitment to break the stalemate in Northern Ireland. But none of the Government's actions, apart from the proposed tuition fees for students, threatens party unity or public popularity. Each of the three forthcoming decisions could, and probably would. The single currency is the most explosive. There is no chance of Britain entering in January 1999, because the economy and interest rates are way out of line with the Continent. The question is how soon afterwards will there be sufficient

signs of convergence, as well as enough support to be sure of winning a referendum. Although this implies



that the main decisions can be put off for a year or more, the Government has to decide how precise to be about its future intentions and timing in the December statement about contin-

Mr Blair's advisers are worried about losing hard-won supporters. No one in Downing Street needs reminding that The Sun is seeking to reinforce these fears by its high-profile campaign on the issue. Polls suggest that a clear majority is

against British Involvement. However, as Robert Worcester, of MORI, has argued, poils are not the same as referendums. The latter are more considered and generate much greater attention. While the precise wording can be vital to a poll result, it is unimportant in a referendum. What matters is the line-up on each

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side. In the 1975 referendum on European membership, and again last month on Scottish devolution, most politicians respected by the public were in the "yes" camp and those most disliked on the "no" side, By contrast, several respected Welsh MPs were in the "no" camp, where the result was a virtual dead-heat. Mr Blair would hope to build a imilar coalition this time, with most of Labour, the Liberal Democrats, pro-European Tories, and leaders of big business and the unions. But the opponents would be more powerful than in 1975, with William Hague, Baroness Thatcher and most Tories, plus the biggest-selling papers. Mr Hague's use of the term "not in the

foreseeable future" is merely intended to postpone a Tory split until it becomes inevitable. He will oppose entry at any stage, just as I am sure Kenneth Clarke will be in the "yes" camp. My hunch is that the public will back entry, provided the Govern-ment is still generally popular and businessmen can point to the dangers of remaining out. June 1999, the date of the Euro-elections, hardly allows enough time for the interim system of fixed exchange rates to be judged. But it would be risky to delay much

The Governments decisions on electoral reform are, in practice, secondary to how Mr Blair wants to develop relations with the Liberal Democrats. He has set up a consultative Cabinet committee with Lib Dem leaders to demonstrate his commit-

treat the Lib Dems as an increasingly close ally subsumed under the "new" Labour umbrella, or to create the opportunity for multiparty co-opera-tion through electoral reform. Deli-cate talks are under way between the two parties about the terms of reference and membership of a commission to investigate a proportional replacement for first-past-the-Labour leaders believe that only the alternative vote (numbering one, two, three on the ballot paper) would be saleable, to the party, since this preserves the direct constituency link. But this is opposed by the Lib Dems because it is not a proportionate system.

By contrast, the problems over welfare reform are more about devising, than selling, a policy. Mr Blair's hope is that savings on welfare can finance an expansion in education. But it is not clear how far the Government will go along the road of extending means-testing by integrating tax and benefits, or, alternatively, accept Frank Field's ideas for reviving a contributory system of social insurance. David Willetts mischievously suggested at the Tory conference that welfare reform could be as messy and damaging for Labour as healthcare reform was for President Clinton in

Hard choices, indeed. Defeat in a referendum on a single currency could fatally undermine the Government, while failure to achieve radical welfare reform, as the heart of the comprehensive spending review, would limit the scope for improving other public services. Decisions on electoral reform could either end or cement moves towards a more pluralist style of politics. My hunch is that within seven to ten years, Britain will be in any European single currency (if it survives early strains), the firstpast-the-post system will have been replaced in its present form, and universal state provision of welfare will have been substantially modi-fied. But Mr Blair will not rush any of these decisions. He wants to remain the People's Prime Minister.

Revolting

INMATES of Dolphin Square, the Pimlico flats tearning with politicos, have had enough. After a summer of discontent — which saw the square's proud residents, William Hague and his fiance among them, queueing Russian-style beside water tanks after diesel polluted their mains supplies

- there is a call to arms. An action committee has been formed to complain about a "revolting" new reception area amid claims that residents' wishes are ignored.

"It is a lurid, fluorescent peach," says resident Graham Elson, general secretary of the Liberal Demo-



crats, "blended in to a royal-blue deep-pile carpet with matching chairs. It is more kitsch-Finchley-Road than Dolphin Square; very Dorian from Birds of a Feather." The action committee is a milli-

tant splinter-group of the Dolphin Square Tenants' Association. One prominent female member considers it a crusade: "It's time we got together to sort these problems out," she said. "The reception is horrible, it glows." She is confident of recruiting Hague. However, Peter Temple-Morris,

Tory Member for Leominster, said: They have made a lot of changes and many are improvements. ! don't see myself as the revolutionary of Dolphin Square." A voice from the management board says of the redecoration: "It's just a question of taste." Indeed.

Shadow Cabinet was wearing a worried expression as he struggled Portillo. But it would seem that he

week. I asked what was wrong. "You used to get a standing ovation for supporting hanging. Now you get cheered for slagging off the partia-mentary party. The first person to advocate hanging all Tory MPs will really lift the roof off."

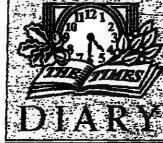
Sleazy rider

IT must have been with some poignancy that Piers Merchant, the energetic Tory MP, opened his Sunday Mirror yesterday. Its first six pages were an exposition of the MPs supposed nocturnal activi-ties. And on Friday night the Sleaze Merchant, as the cheap print has unkindly dubbed him. took part in a debate at the Union Society of Durham University with Mr Max Clifford, the public rela-tions consultant. The subject? "Tabloids are Bad News." Just so.

• FOR a man so sensitive to the course of the political breeze, Jeffrey Archer has slipped up: he has dedicated his new collection of short stories to "John and Norma".

Fleshed out

Portillo. But it would seem that he tion from the VIP box. Not so his to write his conference speech last shared a sin with other now ex- senior aides Charlie Whelan and



Tory MPs: complacency. As his constituency workers urged him to campaign harder during the elec-tion. Portillo responded by suggesting that they help other

constituencies. Of flesh-pressing, he declared, he had "had enough". When it was pointed out that losing his Enfield Southgate seat would mean the end of his cherished ambitions, I gather that he responded: "If we manage to lose a seat as safe as this then there will not be a party worth leading." I hope that this does not make William Hague feel despondent.

 AS Tony Blair enjoyed his latest foreign policy coup (our draw with Italy) by watching the match on television at Chequers with his boys. Gordon Brown took in the acMr Ed Balls - they were locked in the ground for two hours after the match as police scoured the terraces for violent hooligans.

Snap snack

LEGS were crossed in Bloomsbury, the publishing house, when news arrived that one of its most prized authors had been bitten in the most intimate of places by an alligator.

Hunter S. Thompson, renowned for a temperament more acidic than the Sixties psychedelia of his books, was to have made a rare sortie across the Atlantic to promote his latest effort, The Proud Highway: The Fear and Loathing Letters. Vol 1. But the tour has been cancelled while the author recovers from his brush with reptilia at his home in Woody Creek, Colorado

"He said he had been bitten on the thigh and possibly, er, higher up. I am told. "It is most distressing." Knowing Mr Thompson, I just hope the alligator is all right.

Photo finish

long decorated its bar with snaps of er models will be Sophie Dahl, Prime Ministers. But absent this Jemma Kidd, Natasha Manley and

year was a likeness of Tony Blair. His triumphant grin, it would seem, was simply too nauseating for careworn Tories drowning their disappointment. So when Mr Blair leads his own party to Blackpool for their conference next year they will shun the Imperial, I gather. and commandeer the rival Stakis Hotel - which, from memory. serves jolly good crumpers.

OBSERVATION on the Tory divide from Sir Teddy Taylor, MP: "Ken Clarke is a nutcase. And so am I. We are both nutcases, just in different ways." Evidently the electorate rather agrees.

Money walks

WHY do offspring of the celebrated - and wealthy - feel this peculiar urge to become models? Is it that their fathers failed to give them enough attention? Er, no. It is; I am told, because they need the money.

Sir Evelyn de Rothschild's daughter, Jessica, is the latest who plans to waft expensively down the catwalk. I fear that attention at a forthcoming show for the jewellers Spinks & Son will not focus on the IT could be a costly blunder. The gems or even the models, but on imperial Hotel in Blackpool has their surnames. For among the oth-



Natasha Caine. Jessica recently graduated from Edinburgh University before wandering into the post of literary editor of Tatler magazine. "Her job title is rather grand for a virtual nipper," says an associate. "But her father would earn more siting in the bath than Jessica would in a year at Tatler, so maybe the modelling will cover a lew rent cheques."

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IN THE VIRTUAL LIBRARY

New technologies complement, but do not replace, the old

The time has come to reinvent the library. More than half a millennium after Gutenberg first used moveable type, a revolution at least as profound in the storage and transmission of information is passing Britain's libraries by. The book is not dead. but as a source of facts rather than private pleasure it is increasingly rivalled by electronic systems. Those with access to the Internet through a computer and a telephone line can wallow to their heart's content in facts and figures. Not only is information available more easily and in greater quantity, but the system is easier to understand and operate than the microfiche catalogues of the public library. Nor is access denied because another reader has got there first. Gratification is instantaneous.

Faced with this challenge, librarians must be tempted to throw up their hands and start planning their retirements. But that would be a betrayal of their traditions. New communication technologies, whatever their inventors believe, seldom displace what has gone before. Since they first began rolling off the presses in the 15th century, books have learnt to coexist with newspapers, magazines, radio and television. Once the sole repository of human wisdom, they are now one among many. But reading has survived; more books are published then ever. The need now is not to abandon the book and its. home, the public library, but to devise ways of accommodating both to the Internet's information revolution.

That is why a report to be published later this week by the Library and Information Commission is especially welcome. It recognises both the strength of the public library system, which attracts 1.3 million visitors every working day, and its relative weakness. Over the past ten years, according to figures from the Audit Commission. borrowings are down by 19 per cent, purchasing budgets have fallen by 10 per

cent, and opening hours are also in decline. In some areas, to the shame of the local authorities responsible, libraries are closed for a day in mid-week in order to shave a pitiful fraction off their operating costs.

Both the Audit Commission in its report Due for Renewal, and the Library and Information Commission in its complementary document New Library: the People's Network recognise that the future lies in linking the library to the information superhighway, and that this will cost substantial amounts of money. In 1994-95, UK libraries spent a total of £20 million on information technology. But the Library and Information Commission sets a target of £36 million for connections, and annual spending of £84 million on rentals, to provide a "step change" in the way libraries operate. For this, users would gain access not only to the Internet, but to a network of terminals which would link them to both local and national government and to systems for lifelong learning, business and training, community history, and a national digital library which would make the riches of all national collections available on screen everywhere. The report suggests a variety of possible sources for the money, but unlike the Audit Commission, does not believe that charging the individual user is inevitable. This "crucial issue", it says, cannot be determined at this stage.

Many other questions, including standards, copyright, and licensing would need to be clarified before any of this could go ahead. In the real world of local authorities and their increasingly neglected libraries, the idea of such a stunning rebirth seems improbable. Yet if we value the library system as the best way yet devised for those in humble positions to improve themselves, a change of this scale is not only desirable but absolutely necessary. Without it, libraries are condemned to an inevitable decline.

YANKEE COME HERE

Clinton should add Latin America to his legacy

American Presidents invariably travel thousands of miles while in office. Yet they rarelyvisit their own backyard, Bill Clinton has embarked on the first full tour of South. America by a US President since that of Jimmy Carter almost two decades ago. The region is one of ever increasing significance to America's interests. In its own way, Mr Clinton's mere presence in Brazil, Argentina and Venezuela makes this one of the most important overseas ventures of his tenure. It . is unlikely that it will be another 20 years before a successor makes a similar trip. Mr Clinton entered a cautionary note even

before his departure. He stressed the priority he would place on enhanced efforts against the drugs cartels and political corruption. Those remarks will have caused some irritation in his host countries. They reflect, however, the President's political situation. The single-minded efforts of Senator Jesse Helms have made the alleged connection between public officials and the narcotics industry in both Mexico and Colombia a serious issue in Washington.

The reluctance of past Presidents to be seen south of the border reflected the explosive relationship between the US and its neighbours. For many years, almost all Americans were unpopular in the continent. They were invariably associated with uniformed dictators and commercial dominance. "Yankees go Home" was the universal cry of local populists. Then Vice-President Nixon was almost killed in 1958 when his visit to Venezuela triggered a fullscale riot. After that, US policy towards Fidel Castro's Cuba provided another excuse for mutual hostility. Not surprisingly, American statesmen avoided the area.

However, Latin America has witnessed a dramatic transformation between the Carter and Clinton eras. In the 1970s, stable democracy of almost any form was a rarity. The region was dominated by military regimes under threat from Marxist insurgents. With the exception of General Pinochet's Chile, South American economics was strikingly statist. All that has changed. Multiparty politics, of admittedly varying quality, has become embedded. The economic outlook has been revolutionised through liberalisation, privatisation and attacks on inflation.

Mr Clinton would like to make the expansion of free trade the centrepiece of his agenda. His early decision to embrace Nafta was among the most positive acts of his presidency. The timing of this tour though is slightly inconvenient. The President is struggling to secure congressional support for his full power over trade negotiations. His opponents have painted free trade as the means by which American firms will export employment from the Midwest to South American sweatshops.

For that reason the President will choose to tread carefully. He should not allow these short-term factors to obscure America's future. Mr Clinton should publicly welcome the reforms that have been made as well as the remaining difficulties that must be tackled. He should make it clear that he would like to see Nafta extended to include Chile and full inter-American free trade by the early years of the next century. Mainstream Republicans will back hun, not least because of their electoral dependence on Florida and Texas. The President still has time to make this central to his legacy.

QUOTE, UNQUOTE

A good read is the bit in between introduction and pay-off line

First lines fire the opening salvo of a book. They are not often representative of the chapters marching up behind them. They may hook their reader to read on or warn their reader to waste no more time. They are more likely than succeeding lines to stick fast in the memory, especially as identification tags for poems learnt by heart. That is why The Oxford Dictionary of Literary Quota-tions feels able to include an entry for the most famous opening lines in literature.

As we report today, the 41 opening lines if has selected are well-known, varied and controversial. The first line of Western literature, "Sing. Muse, the wrath of Achilles", is not included. Homer may now reverberate less loudly than he has done down the millennia. And "Of Man's first disobedience and the fruit" is ruled out by modern difficulty with Milton's copious classical references. However, it seems rash of the compilers for a publishing house accustomed to difficult authors to omit the first line attributed to its most difficult though most profitable contributor, "In the begunning God created the heaven and the earth."

But they were not choosing what seemed to them the most memorable quotations. They have trawled through a huge computer database of quotations to find which opening lines were most often plagiarised, cited and otherwise recycled by later writers and speakers. These will vary for each reader and change with curricular and literary fashion. But it is predictable that the genius, in both senses of the word, of Shakespeare is going to cause double, double, citation trouble.

If it is odd to leave out the witches on their blasted heath, "When shall we three meet again?", it seems perverse not to recall actors from Olivier to Branagh croaking or chuckling their various readings of "Now is the winter of our discontent". Moreover, the plainest opening lines can stir the biggest ripples. Scene I, the guard platform of Elsinore Castle. Francisco at his post. Enter to him Bernardo. However, it is not the guard on duty but his nervous relief who speaks that haunting opening line. "Who's there?" Michael Arlen, with his Duchess exclaim-

ing "Damm!" as she lights a cigar, wrote a sensational opening sentence. It made The Green Hat a Twenties bestseller, but its fictional shock has since been overtaken by real life. Michael Frayn, in Towards the End of the Morning, defined the job of a subeditor as checking all facts and spellings, cutting the first and last sentences, and removing all attempts at jokes. These favourite opening lines seem to argue against Frayn's definition, although publishing history does not often record what previous throat-clearing introductions editors may have deleted in order to clear the way for their memorable openers. Closing lines usually give a more reliable indication of the pleasures to be found in a work of literature. The dictionary includes a list of those also. And so they lived happily ever after, in the most agreeable of literary games, arguing about their favourite spells in literature.

ERS TO THE EDITOR

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status of Oxbridge

From Professor R. N. Franklin, FEng, Vice-Chancellor of the City University

Sir, You report (October 8; leading article, October 9) that the outgoing Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University and the Vice-Chancellor of Cam-bridge have attacked the Govern-ment's decision to cap the rise in 1997-98 college fees for both universities. This highlights a fundamental inconsistency at the heart of our university

The college fees represent top-up fees, fully funded by the State through the mandatory award system. These two universities receive in total £50 million extra funding by this route, even allowing for the fact that their block grant is somewhat reduced because of the college fee system. However, the Government is opposed to top-up fees and has even threatened to legislate against them.

There are those who advocate removing the college fees. However, the money thus saved, if spread around the system, would do little to alleviate the funding crisis, and meanwhile we would have destroyed the only two of our universities which are truly and consistently world-class.

I consider that the solution is for the Government to make an explicit policy decision to maintain the special status and funding of these universi-ties. There would be an obligation on them to account for the eura funding in a transparent way, allowing comparison with the rest of the system.

From my knowledge of these excel-lent universities I believe the compari-son would demonstrate that in university funding, as in so much of life, you get what you pay for.

Yours truly, RAOUL FRANKLIN, Vice-Chancellor. The City University, Northampton Square, ECl.

From Mr C. C. Dison

Sir, As a lifelong Labour supporter who never contemplated going to Ox-bridge, I would normally be the last to support anything which smacked of propping up such bastions of elitism with tappayers' money, but I caution against tinkering with these particu-lar institutions for three reasons.

Fear of loss of funding has for many years now been an influential factor in the opening up of these institutions to applicants from the state sector. While Oxford and Cambridge are now suspected of operating a bias in favour of state school applicants, the American equivalents seem on all accounts to be dependent upon the ability of their students to pay.

I have seen the effect on aspiring students of the prize of a place. They work as though their lives depend on it and in doing so inspire those around them, be they siblings or contempor-aries, to do likewise. I would hazard that for every successful student a dozon more are motivated to try to excel. with consequent ripple effects.

Oxbridge and its system give confidence to those wishing to study nonvocational subjects. Many who choose such subjects now might not wish to do so under a different system and the teaching profession for one would be deprived of a source of recruits.

Yours faithfully, CHRIS DIXON The Old Rectory, Cranham, Essex.

From Mr A. N. Binder

Sir, Will those same remote dons who dared snub my Thatcher now mete out the same treatment to berbarian Blair? Will another Oxford Prime Minister be denied the customary honorary doctorate? Yours faithfully,

ALAN BINDER, Old Place, Speldhurst, Kent.

Self assessment

From Mr C. W. Corlett, Deputy Chairman, Board of Inland Revenue

Sir, Contrary to the views of Ms Chrissie Maher, of the Plain English Campaign (letter, October 9), tax-payers generally can understand the self-assessment form. We are delighted that of the eight million issued we have so far received over 4.5 million completed forms back, exactly where we planned to be at this stage.

Most of them have been filled in by tappayers on their own, without the

help of tax advisers. They have been completed well, to a standard above our expectations. There is simply no evidence for her claim that the form cannot be understood. Indeed, it was widely tested on taxpayers before being finalised last year so that we could be sure they would be able to manage. As to relations between the Inland Revenue and taxpayers, we have: around 50,000 staff dealing each year with the affairs of some 26 million

people. We are not complacent about the level of complaints, but it is tiny when seen against the size of ouroperation.

Yours faithfully, CLIVE CORLETT. Deputy Chairman, Board of Inland Revenue, The Board Room, Somerset House, WCZ

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Preserving special Reforms fail to attract young Tories

From Mr Martin Ball

Sir. The proposed reform of the youth sections of the Conservative Party Retter, October 8] is long overdue.

The Young Conservatives have diminished to a parody of their former selves, with few branches and few active members; many exist as "rotten boroughs" for the sole purpose of voting in the elections for national officers. Even Conservative Students, which enjoyed a revival between the mid-1980s and early 1990s, is a spent force on university campuses.

The decline of the youth sections is illustrated by an analysis which I conducted at the end of last year of pros-pective Conservative candidates at the 1997 general election. This reveals that of the 41 newly elected Conservative MPs only 14 have been YC members. and this attachment was little more than a courtesy membership. Only two took their involvement above constituency level, and none served as national officers.

The proposed reforms are still unlikely to produce a vehicle which will attract young people to the party. If the Conservative Party wishes to attract young people into its structures then it has to offer them the jewels of participation: opportunities to elect the leader and determine party policy. Crucially, this involvement must be as part of the mainstream party and not assigned to some safety-valve siding. Yours faithfully,

MARTIN BALL 17 Haverfield Road, Bow, E3. October 7.

From Mr James Johnstone

Sir, Lord Tebbits response to being called a dinosaur — "The dinosaur was a very successful species that dominated the planet for a very long time" [report, October 9; see also letters, October 11] proves that he has only a selective memory of history. After their lengthy period of domination the dinosaurs were wiped out almost overnight by a catastrophic event only to return many years later as museum attractions.

Despite the electoral rout Lord Tebbit still does not appreciate that the traditional Tory values he is advocat-ing are unappealing to younger vot-ers. The dwindling number of party members should be evidence enough that such values have to be tailored to contemporary society and a more

Yours faithfully, JAMES JOHNSTONE, 16 Redcliffe Road, SW10.

From Mr Roger Hole

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Yours truly, ROGER HOLE

Wynd House.

Hutton Rudby,

(NHS consultant, 1973-95).

Yarm, North Yorkshire.

Sir, It is odd that David Green,

writing from the Institute of Economic

Affairs (letter, October 9) to advocate

universal "private insurance and

competition between hospitals" on the American model of managed care,

should overlook the huge ad-ministrative costs of that system.

which completely excludes 15 per cent of the population from all cover and a

further 20 per cent from continuous

of administering even this imperfect US model were 24.8 per cent of total in

1992. At that time the cost of adminis-

tering the whole of the National Health Service was 7 per cent, but

since the Tory reforms this has risen

For almost identical health out-

comes (eg, life expectancy of both sexes and maternal mortality) the per

capita total health expenditure in the United States is 25 times that in the

United Kingdom (£1,860 and £732 res-

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To imply that the NHS is not under-

funded and to advocate the expensive

but no more effective American model

seems to me to substitute unproven

competition dogma for plain common

The (non-productive) hospital costs

Healthcare and the ability to pay

From Dr Richard Willis

Sir, I agree with William Rees-Mogg (Why the NHS is the sick man of Europe", October 6): the conflict between the Government's legitimate determination that healthcare should not depend on a patient's ability to pay and the nation's limited resources is a real one that needs to be resolved.

Unlike him, however, I do not believe that patients should pay for each consultation. Such a scheme can have an inhibitory effect on patients seeking medical advice and can make the doctor reluctant to ask patients to return for a further consultation.

In my own practice the great majority of patients pay a subscription, either annually or monthly, allowing medical care to be unhampered by a fee for each attendance; those of limited financial means pay a smaller subscription or nothing at all. Clinical care is thus totally unhindered by financial constraints, and patients know at the start of the year what their

care might herald a gradual change from Treasury funding, while at the same time allowing the Government to watch the development of care in which ability to pay was not an issue. It could also begin to free medical care from the pressures of government funding and political control.

Yours faithfully RICHARD WILLIS, Salisbury Independent Medical Practice. 5 Wyndham Road, Salisbury, Wiltshire. October 10.

medical care will cost.

Return of the Emperor

From Mr Roman Ilmar Golicz

Sir, Your report on the recent "rehabilitation" of Napoleon III's reputation in France (report, September 26; letter, September 29) mentioned the current campaign which, I admit, may only with difficulty excite much emotion in this country, but which nevertheless will cause any government in France that attempts to act on it considerable difficulties. I am referring to the proposition - mooted by the leader of the Gaullist party, M Philippe Séguin, and others — to have the remains of the Emperor and his family translated from St Michael's Benedictine Abbey in Farnborough, Hampshire, to Paris.

Any such attempt must - and shall

- be resisted. M Seguin and all those who support him in this endeavour will find that a certain spirit of resistance of our own has not diminished with the passing of the years.

Let us not heap Pelion upon Ossa with this unfortunate family, either by providing any political group in France, of whatever persuasion, with the kudos resulting from such an ostentatious coup de thédire, or by disturbing their peace to assuage Gallic guilt. We have witnessed it all too ften since the days of the Revolution.

Napoleon III was an extraordinary man. May he, at last, rest in peace.

Yours faithfully. ROMAN ILMAR GOLICZ, 16 Marston Road. Farnham, Surrey. October 3.

Playing the game

From Mr Stewart Reuben

Sir, Mr Alex Standish (letter, October 9) disagrees with suggestions by the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference about how sportspeople should behave and castigates a goalkeeper for helping to persuade a referee that the opposing team should be awarded a goal as the ball had crossed the line.

Who is in a better position to make that judgment than the goalkeeper? The goalkeeper's team went on to win. The match was obviously played as it should be, in a spirit both of fair play and will to win. My second greatest love among games is poker. In a game where win-

ning is the quintessence of its purpose I have seen breathtaking examples of fair play. Surely we can encourage the same principles in school sports?

Yours faithfully, S. REUBEN (Chairman. British Chess Federation). 11 Haversham Close. Twickenham, Middlesex. October 9.

From Mr Anthony Calder-Smith Sir. A fair arbiter will err as often for

you as against you. I played in a junior league house rugby match at Ampleforth in 1976. Touching down the ball behind my own try-line for a 25-yard drop kick, I

tounded when the referee, a novice monk probably more accustomed to soccer than rugby, blew the whistle and shouted "Own try!"

The opposing team was awarded five points, and although some eyebrows were raised, no one complained. We lost by three points.

Yours truly, ANTHONY CALDER-SMITH, 39 Fernthorpe Road, SW16. October 9.

From Mr M. J. Knapp

Sir. Your piece about cheering from the touchline (report, "Play the game, public schools tell their boys", October 7) reminds me of an incident many years ago at my independent school I and another small boy were watching a rugby match. A member of the opposing side failed to convert a

try. We clapped and cheered. We were immediately sent inside by our housemaster and threatened with being banned from watching matches for the rest of term.

I now watch double-faults being applauded at Wimbledon and sadly contemplate what has happened in the intervening years.

Yours sincerely, MARTIN KNAPP, 1 Brooking Barn, Ashprington, Totnes, South Devon. October 8.

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Artists born and bred as Brummies

From Professor Stan Smith

Sir, Mr Wilfred Morgan's claim (let-ter, October 8) that "Nobody to my knowledge who was born and lived a major part of their life in Birmingham has ever risen to national prominence

in the arts" cannot go unchallenged.

The greatest English poet of this century, W. H. Auden, was admittedly born in York; but his family moved to Birmingham (where his father be-came Chief Medical Officer for Schools and Professor of Public Health at the university) only a year after his birth, and he grew up there,

outside school and college terms. He continued to live with his par-ents in adulthood, between trips to Germany, Iceland, Spain and China, etc. throughout the 1930s until he emigrated to the United States in 1939. For a time in 1938 he even wrote a regular review column for the Birming-

ham Town Crier. Such was Auden's commitment to the city in which he grew up that in Letter to Lord Byron in 1937 he an-

nounced that Clearer than Scalell Pike, my heart has The view from Birmingham to

Sadly, one of the Auden family homes, in Lordswood Road, near the swimming baths, is now demolished; but others, in Court Oak Road, Har-borne, and, I believe, in Solihull, are still standing. It is time they were graced with blue plaques to celebrate this most English of 20th-century

Yours sincerely, STAN SMITH Auden Concordance Project). University of Dundee, Dundee DIDI 4HN.

From Mr F. G. R. Fisher

Sir, If I may be allowed to make education in Birmingham rather than protracted residence there the criterion, how about Burne-Jones and Tolkien, both of them educated at King Edward's School - and, incidentally, at Exeter College, Oxford?

And would your readers wish to be denied the pleasure of reading the words of Burne ויוט ' יום his experience at King Edward's? He 'as there in the 1840s, and he recollected 50 years later:

I was stabbed at school ... in the groin. It didn't hurt much ... it was during prayers and so was kept from the headmaster of

Yours faithfully, ROBSON FISHER (Chief Master. King Edward's School, 1974-82). Craig Cottage, Lower Street, Dittisham, nr Dartmouth, Devon.

October 8. From Mr A. M. Guthrie Sir, As another native of Erdington, I wonder, has Wilf Morgan never heard of Jasper Carrott?

Yours faithfully, ALAN GUTHRIE, 13 Ty Newydd Drive, Castleton, Cardiff. October 8.

Ask a silly question . . .

From Father Jonathan Hemmings

Sir. I have little sympathy, for the friend of Old Lancastrian Mr D. L. B. Hartley (letter, October 8) who was punished for writing in his Divinity Prize essay: "A Sabbath Day's Jour-ney is from Lancaster to Morecambe Odeon." He should have known that the Sabbath refers to Saturday, not Sunday, thus making his journey unnecessary, since on that day the Odeon would have been open in Lan-

Yours sincerely, JONATHAN HEMMINGS (Chaplain and Head of Divinity). Lancaster Royal Grammar School, Lancaster, LAI 3EF. October 8.

From Mr David J. Prescott

Sir, Had the pupil in question made his response in more recent times, he might well have taken the prize rather than a beating. It perfectly describes the time it seems to take to make this four-mile trip by road in 1997.

Yours sincerely, DAVID J. PRESCOTT (Director of Music, Lancaster Royal Grammar School), 32 Greenwood Avenue, Bolton-le-Sands, Carnforth, Lancashire. October 8.

Moveable feast

From Mrs Michelle Milsum

Sir. Why do people complain that Christmas comes earlier every year? With tinsel in shop windows, magic music on the radio, children's eyes filled with delight, family reunions, surely Christmas is something wonderful to look forward to.

In these days of gramitously violent movies, rapes, muggings, homelessness and other miseries, what is wrong with thinking about Christmas early?

Yours sincerely, MICHELLE MILSUM. 32 Wilberforce Court, Kings Drive, Edgware, Middlesex.

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to the language.
Robbery and blackmail were daily occurrences and

raiding, arson, kidnapping,

murder and extortion an ac-cepted part of the social

often the worst culprits.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 11: The Princess Royal this morning arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, from Vienna,

Her Royal Highness. Patron. this afternoon opened a new building at Minchinhampton Centre for the Elderly, Windmill Road, Minchinhampton, Stroud, and was received by Major General Robin Grist (Deputy Lieutenant of Gloucestershire).
Mrs Timothy Holderness

RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN,

October 12: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh amended Evensong this evening in Holy Trinity Church, Murree. Her Majesty and His Royal Highness later left Islamabad. Pakistan, and flew to New Delhi,

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were received at the Airport by the British High Commissioner to the Republic of India (His Excellency Sir David Gore-Booth) and the Minister in Arten-dance (Shrimati Kamla Sinha).

Mr E.J. Amos

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Ted Amos (Times obinary July 14. 1997) will be held on Saturday, November 15, 1997, at 11.30am, at Bedford School Chapel.

In Scotland, some dippers are coming down from the high

moorland burns to the loch

sides. They bob on the rocks

as if their legs were hinged, or

walk through the water with

alarm. Uncommon warblers

from the east bave been

reported here and there: they

include yellow-browed war-

blers from Asia, which are

like small willow warblers

with a bright eye-stripe, and

barred warblers from Russia

or Poland, which have their

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Today's royal engagements

The Duke of York, patron, Golf Foundation, will take part in the foundation's professional-amarcur golf tournament, The Buckinghamshire Golf Club, Denham, at 10.00. The Princess Royal, patron, Sense— the National Deathlind and Rubella Association, will open the first York-Association, will open the first Yorkshire group home, 509 Leeds and
Bradford Road, Leeds at 11.15; will
amend a luncheon to launch a
fundruising appeal at the Queens
Hotel, City Square, at 12.30; will open
a new unit for assessment respire. St
Mary's Hospital, Armley, at 2.10; will
visit Leeds Girls' High School, at 3.15;
and will amend a reception for GAP—
International Projects for Youth Ex-International Projects for Youth Ex-change, at the Foreign and Common-wealth Office, London SWI, at 7.10. Princess Margaret, patron, The Mathilda and Terence Kennedy Inmanuting and reference kernicoy in-stitute of Rheumatology, will visit the institute's new premises at Charing Cross Hospital, London W6, at 5.00, and will tour the laboratories and

anend a mustees' reception. The Duke of Gloucester will visit the Shri Swaminaryan Hindu Mission. Neasden, London NW10. at 3.05: and. as patron. Habital for Humanity Great Britain, will attend a dinner of the House of Lords, at 7.00.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as pa-tron, the Listening Library, will attend the annual meeting at Drap-ers' Hall. Throgmorton Avenue.

Latest wills

Maurice Leslie Smith, of Spalding, Lincolnshire, left estate valued at £1.341.104 net.

Elizabeth Brook, of Edgerton, West Yorkshire, left estate valued at EL680.366 net. Gertrude Reis, of Iver Heath. Buckinghamshire, left estate valued at £6,363,766 net.

purple or orange; in damp Scottish forests the handsome

tufts of royal fern are dying

away. On the

edge of the

Nature notes President George Washington laid the foundation stone of the Walte House, 1792. sparrowhawk. Bracken is crumpling and turning dark

Ranby House

moors, there are still a few late barebells, and foxglove stalks with one or two flowers lingering on them. Leaves are falling steadily from

the horse-chestnuts and lime trees. Beech trees are putting on a fine show of orange and yellow, while on most oaks and ashes the leaves are still green. As the winds turn colder, queen wasps are flying about looking for somewhere

Birthdays today

Air Vice-Marshal John Allen-Jones, 88: Mr Stephen Bayley, design consultant, 46: Lord Bing-ham of Coruhill, 64: Sir Roger Carrick, diplomat, 60: Mrs Ed-wina Currie, former MP, and novelist, 51; Sir Denis Forman, former deputy chairman, Gra-nada Group, 80; Sir Leslie Fowden, FRS. agricultural sci-emist, 72; Mr George Gair, former High Commissioner for New Zealand, 71: Sir Roger Gibbs, chairman, Wellcome Trust, 63; Mr Michael Gooley, chairman, Trail-finders, 61; Mr Michael Heath, cartoonist, 62: Lord Justice Hutchison, 64: Sir Michael Jenkins, chairman, London Clearing House, 65: Mr J.M. Menzies, life president, John Menzies, 71; Mr John Regis, athlete, 31; Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick Rosier, 82; Mr Paul Simon, singer and song-writer, 56; Mr John Simpson, chief writer, So; Mr John Simpson, chief editor, Oxford English Dictionary, 44; Miss Rosemary Sisson, writer, 74; Mr J.A. Show, former England cricketer, 56: Baroness Thatcher, LG, OM, FRS, 72; Mr Mordecai Vanunu, nuclear technician, 43; Lord Lucius Weller, 57; Faul

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Edward, Prince of Wales, Mestminster, 1453; Allan Ramsay, artist, Edinburgh, 1713; Will Brockendon, writer, painter and inventor, Tomes, 1787; Lillie Langtry, actress, Jersey, 1853.

Lord Justice Waller, 57; Earl Winterton, 54.

DEATHS: Nicolas Malebranche, philosopher, Paris, 1715; Sir Isaac Brock, soldier (the Hero of Upper Canada), killed in battle, Queenstown, 1812: Josephin Murat, soldier, Ving of Naples, safetyted Isachim. own, 1812 Joachim Mural souter, King of Naples, self-styled Joachim Napoleon, enecuted, Pizzo, Italy, 1815; Canova, sculptor, Venice, 1822; Sir Henry Irving, accor, Bradford, 1905; Sidney Webb, Baron Passfield, co-founder London School of Econom-tes Linbook Mamphing 1847. ks, Liphook, Hampshire, 1947.

Greenwich was adopted as the universal meridian, 1884. Ramsay MacDonald made the first election broadcast on the BBC, on behalf of the Labour Party, 1924.

Preparatory School

Preparations to mark the Golden Jubilee of Ranby House Prepara-tory School, in the calendar year of 1998, are underway. Pupil numbers are at an all-time high and recent major developments include a new Sports Hall Complex, new Information Technology Centre and a new Library. Old Ranblans are invited to contact the Headmaster, David Wansey, for details of the Golden Jubilee Old Ranbians Day, on Saturday, May 16, 1998. Ranby House School, Retford, Nottinghamshire, DNZ2 8HX. Tel: 01777 703138: Fax: 01777 702813: E-mail:

Americans trace their bloody ancestors on CD-Rom BY RUSSELL JENKINS

THE publication of a CD-Rom charting the bloody story of the marauding families of Britain's borders is expected to result in a flood of American visitors hoping to discover their roots.

For centuries the border "reivers" battled across the lawless border between Scotland and England. Almost 300 years after the Act of Union brought law and order to the region between York and Edinburgh, the new invaders will be armed with only a burning curiosity.

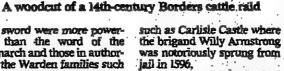
American tourists have been flocking to the land of the Border Reivers in search of the birthplace of their ancestors who were deported to the New World as a punishment or fled there to escape the feuding and

marauding.
The multimedia program, already advertised in the United States on the Internet, is designed as a first base for those who want to trace their ancestry back to the Border Lands. It includes a "family tree" software program as part of its history menu. Nick Winterbotham, direc-

tor of Tullie House Museum, in Carlisle, said: "Every year hundreds of visitors from the US seek out their ancestry among the ancient ridings and castles of the border. Neil Armstrong, Billy Graham and Richard Nixon are just three whose nefarious forebears terrorised the border before the Act of Union in

Our first sale came from the States where we have a Website. We are getting inquiries from people asking what the CD-Rom can tell them about their ancestry." The Border Reivers held sway in the 350 years up to the

system, according to end of the 16th century when historians. The Ordnance Survey is to Northumberland, Cumbria, the Scottish Borders and produce a Reiver map in the Dumfries and Galoway were spring charting the infamous low points of Reiver history. ungovernable. The lance and



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Three years later a football match in Bewcastle between the Armstrongs and the Ridleys ended in an ambush and a consequent bloodbath with the final score two dead and 30 taken prisoner. One injured Ridley survived; his bowells came out but are sewed up againe (sic)," according to testimony at the time.

The Reivers took a dominant role in the last battle fought on English soil against a foreign foe when, in 1532, an invasion of 10,000 Scots were routed by 1,800 Reivers armed with Sft lances known as prickers and riding shortlegged ponies. More than 1,000 Scots lay dead on the battlefield, slaughtered by the cattle raiders and peasants who came to be known as

Wharton's Prickers, after

their military commander. "We have had 50 e-mail messages via the Internet so far," Mr Winterbotham said. "I guess around 35 have come from the States. They tend to be from people interested in border history in general but the majority are from people with family interests."

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.W.G. Scott-Brown and Miss F.C. Hunter The engagement is announced between Martin, only son of Dr and Mrs G.G. Scott-Brown. of Farringdon, Oxfordshire, and Frances, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C.M.G. Hunter, of Sherborne, Dorset

Mr P.A. Thacher and Miss SJ. Sherbrooke

The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Thacher, of New Canaan, Connecticut and North Haven Maine, USA, and Sarah, daughte of Major C.G.L. Sherbrooke, retd and Mrs Sherbrooke, of Puengirola, Spain. The marriage will take place abroad.

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Service luncheous Royal Indian Navy (1612-1947) Autocanie

Lieutenant Commander E.M. Shaw, RIN, President of the Royal Indian Navy (1612-1947) Associ-ation, presided at the annual tuncheon held on Saturday at the Victory Services Club.

The Royal Inniskilling Fusilier Brigadier W.J. Hiles presided at the annual London buscheon of The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers held on Saturday at The Queen's Club, West Kensington.

Dinner

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh Professor John Cash, President of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, was the host at the triennial dinner held on Saturday at 9 Queen Street, Edinburgh at y Queen Ness, amming a Among others present were for Rodger of Earlsteny, FRA, Lore Nope of Craighead, Dr Lies Bors-Silers (Minuster of Health, Welfar, and Sport for The Nethertands, All Marshal J. A. Baird, Str Kennett Calman and Professor Sir David Calman and Professor Sir David Calman.

University news Crima University

Sir David Pattnam (life peer) has been appointed the first Clamedlor of Sunderland University.

Marriages

Mr M.W.C. Browne and Mrs V.F. Mansell-Lewis The marriage took place on Friday. October 10, 1997, at Holbrook, Somerser, between Mr Michael Browne and Mrs Veronica Mansell-Lewis. Licuterant-Colonel J.H. Gibbon

and Miss K.M. Shaw
The marriage took piace on
Saturday in Sheffield Cathedral of Lieutenant-Colonel John Gibbon, son of the late General Sir John Gibbon and of Lady Gibbon, of Winchester, to Miss Katharine Shaw, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Shaw, of Sheffield. The Provost of Sheffield officated.

The Hon Angus G. Henderson and Miss A.I. Hedley
The marriage took place on Saturday at St. Mary's, Bibury, Gloucestershire, of the Hon Angus George Henderson, unumgest con George Henderson, youngest son of Lord and Lady Faringdon, of Buscot Park, Oxfordshire, to Miss Alexia Jane Hedley, only daughter of Mrs Y.M. Hedley, of Westwood, Wiltshire. The Rev Graham R.

Martin officiated.

Marin onicast.

Sir Andrew Jardine
and Dr C.V. Griffith
The marriage took place on
Saturday at the Church of St
Andrew and St Mary Condover,
Shrewsbury, of Sir Andrew
Jardine, elder son of the late Brigadier Sir Iam Jardine and of Priscilla Lady Jardine, of Cherison, Hampshire, to Dr Claire Vyvien Griffith, daughter of Dr and Mrs William Griffith, of The White House, Lyth Hill. Prebandary F.

Mr C. Lye and Miss S. Blois and Miss 8. Blols
The marriage took place on
Saturday, October 11. at the
Church of the Holy Trinity,
Blythburgh, Suffolk, between Mr
Christopher Lye, son of Mr and
Mrs Raymond Lye, of Enstone,
Oxfordshire, and Miss Susanna
Blols, daughter of Mr Rodney
Blois, of Yoxford, Suffolk, and
Lady Caroline Blois. The Rev
Barry Naylor and the Rev David

Lady Caroline Blos. The Key Barry Naylor and the Rev David Wippell officiated. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Sophie Whyte, Sophie Presce and Christopher Wheatley. Mr Jercmy Lye was best man. The boneymoon will be spent abroad.

alwood. Mr J.L. Osborne

and Dr BJ. Eppel The marriage took place between Mr. John L. Osborne and Dr. Bee Eppel followed by a service in the Chapel of the Middleser, Hospital on Saturday, October 11. Canon W.F. Reid officiated. Mr. LA. Steinton

and Miss M.L. Tullock

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The marriage took place on Sainrday at St John's, Dumfries, Scotland, of Mr John Stainton, son of Mr and Mr. Andrew Stainton, of Hastingleigh, Kent, to Miss Miranda Tuffoch, daughter of Mr John Tolloch and the late the Hon Mrs: Tulloch, of Courance, Locker-bie. - The Rev D.W. Bayne officialist.

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POX - On October 10th 1997, to Catherine (née Hooper) and Staphan, a son, Peter Charles, a brother for James to Teresa (nos Dowding) and Paul, a daughter, Alma Lory, a sister to Alex and Katie.

LIMAS - On 7th October 1997 to Elizabeth (née Kirwan) and Alan, a precious daughter, Mari Elisabeth MELVIN EKMAN - On 5th September, to Lisa and Jeremy, twins, Jonnes Rosmi Charlotte and Thomas David

SPRAGG - On September 29th 1997, to Melissa (née

DEATHS

peacefully at The North London Hospice, Anna Comella Biernacka aged 62. Funeral Service at New Southgate Crematorium, Brunswick Park Road, London N11 on Friday 17th October at 10,30 am.

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October 10th, aged 92,
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MACKAY - John Mackay One am October 9th, pescefully start long Hamman and husband of Jean and formerly of the late Einsbeth father of June and Robin and will be quarily missed by family and history for the late transfer of the late transfer of

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MotAY - John Damot died pascefully on October 6th in Farkdene Nussing Home, Brighton. He will be remembered affectionately remembered affectionately by all his friends worldwide. His funeral service will be held at St John's Church, London Read, Preston Park, Brighton, at 11.30 am on Friday 17th October. Donations, if desired, to kelp children of the ukraine effected.

Love River Practive.

The Author died personally on 6th October 1997 aged 71. Deathy beloved husband, father and grandfather. Frivate funeral on Friday 17th October at 2 pm at Putney Vale Crenatorium. Family flowers only but donations would be graiefully received by imperial Cancer Research Fund d/o Edimes & Desghtem, Undertakers, tel: (0181) 392-1012.

Macounars - Patrick Carroll, on October 9th, psectrally aged 74. Kuch loved husband, brother, father, grandfather and friend. Pemeral Service will be held at 9t. Andrew's Church, Tain, Ross-shire, at 2.00pm on Friday October 17th. Memorial Service to be held at the chapei of King's College, Surand, London at 11.30am on Twesday November 25th. Family Rowers only, domains if destred to King's College for the benefit of research students.

Be gind that we new him.

WYANT - Betty, of Iver and
Bdvin Loach, died pescetully
at home on October 9th aged
94. Beloved mother,
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TAYLOR - Dr. John Charles Mowbray, Geologist, Artist and Horticulturist. Peacefully at his home in Religate, Surrey, aged 71 years. Sadiy missed by family and his many frameds and colleagues. Funeral at Surrey and Sussex Cremstorium on Thursday 16th October at 230 pm. Family Howers, Donations to The Exitish Polio Fellowship c/o Storeman Funeral Services, Deran Court, Radhill, Surrey, KRI 6AZ. Se gind that we new him.

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YEVGENI KHALDEI

Yevgenî Khaldel Ukrainian war photographer, died on October 7 aged 80. He was born on March 10, 1917.

YEVGENI KHALDEI has his place in the history of photography for having captured one of the most teiling moments of the Second World War - a Soviet soldier raising the Red Flag over the Reichstag against the backdrop of the wrecked and burning city of Berlin. Only later did it emerge that this apparents spontaneous gesture of tri-umph, symbolising the end of the Soviet Union's four years' war against the armies of the Third Reich, had been contrived. Nevertheless, like the picture of American Marines raising the Stars and Stripes over Iwo Jima, it remains one of the most potent images of the Allied victory. As the Soviet Army pushed

westwards after the decisive battles of Kursk and Orel in the summer of 1943, Khaldei had been highly successful as an official Tass photographer recording the milestones of conquest. But when the Russians reached Berlin in the last days of April 1945, Khaldei found that there were no red flags large enough for the picture he wanted. He returned to Moscow, but could not find one even there. In the end Tass's head of stores, Grisha Lubinsky, suggested three bright red tablecloths used for editorial meetings.

Khaldei gratefully signed them out and took them to his uncle, a tailor, who sat up all night sewing on hammers and sickles.

Returning to Berlin, Khaldei was able to display the first of the tablecloths at the city's Tempelhof airport when it fell on April 22, 1945. The second was used just after dawn on-May 2, when Soviet troops



took his most famous pictures.

It was part of the mythology

of the moment that a Georgian infantryman called Kaldaria

had held the flag aloft, which was very gratifying to Stalin, who was himself a Georgian.

"But it wasn't true," Khaldei

was later to say. The actual soldier holding the flag was called Alexei Kovalyov. The

soldier hanging onto his legs to stop him falling off was a

Gate. Khalder chimbed up to the quadriga on top of the gate, wrapped the tablecloth round the chariot and horses

and photographed it.
Two hours later, with Red Army troops surging around the Reichstag, a third opportunity presented itself. Bitter fighting was still going on in the basement, but Khaldei told several soldiers to follow him up to the roof, where he

guy from Daghestan, whose name I never got."
Flushed with triumph.

Khaidei returned to the Tass office to be confronted by a furious Lubinsky demanding the return of the tablecloths. In vain did Khaldei tell him that they were now fluttering in Berlin. "You signed for them, I want them back," yelled the enraged storeman. Khaldei shrugged and went off to take pictures at the Potsdam conference.

Yevgeni Khaldei was born in the Ukrainian steel town of Donbass, the youngest of six children of a Jewish bookbinder. During the civil war which racked the Soviet Union in the aftermath of the Revolution, the area was for some time under the domination of anti-Bolshevik forces which on occasions whipped up anti-

Semitic passions. On March 13, 1918, while holding the infant Yevgeni in her arms, his mother was shot by a member of an anti-Jewish mob, the bullet passing through the child's thigh before killing her.

At the age of 12 Khaldei left school to work in the steel mills; but he had always wanted to be a photographer and, at 15, after submitting some work taken with a homemade box camera, he obtained a post on the local Communist Party newspaper. Here he celebrated the exploits of the steelmen, miners and pioneers who were creating a brave new industrial world for Stalin. His taste for heroic composition greatly recommended him to the authorities, and at just 18 he landed himself a plum post with the Soviet news agency Tass.

When war came to the Soviet Union in June 1941 he went straight to the battlefront, and he remained in the thick of the action throughout. At the end of the war he was in the Far East as the Red Army invaded Manchuria. As a photographer he was completely self contained, carrying all his chemicals wherever he went.

But, despite his fame in Soviet journalistic circles, he was to fall from favour with Stalin because of some pictures he took in Belgrade of Marshal Tito, with whom he had got on well. When, after the war, Tito successfully extricated Yugoslavia from the Soviet bloc to pursue his own vision of socialism, an NKVD informer showed the genial pictures to the authorities, and Khaldei was sacked from Tass. Thereafter he lived under a cloud; and yet when Stalin died, Khaldei wept. "He was a terrible man," he

said, "but also a great man." After Stalin's death, life was easier for him, but he never regained his former place. Latterly, he lived quietly on his own in his Moscow flat.

months. He had notably bad

luck in being harshly sen-

tenced, but good luck in win-

visited the United States and

worked on Howard Cheney's

farm. He intended to write a

book about his political activi-

ties, but he succeeded only in contributing essays or interviews to other people's books

He then returned to his old

stage of local community work

in various parts of London and around the country. For

thirty years he was active as a

leader of community work-

shops and pinneer of neigh-

bourhood councils, as a

founder of pressure groups

and committees, inspirer of

research about and activity

against urban deprivation.

and maker of trouble both for

the authorities and for his

on the peace movement.

ning unlikely appeals. During a short interval in his campaigning activity, he

T. C. GARDNER



T. C. Gardner, CBE, former Treasurer of Cambridge University, died on September 24, aged 80. He was born on August 3, 1917.

TREVOR GARDNER had a distinguished career in two widely differing fields of financial administration. He first served in Northern Rhodesia (later Zambia), where he became Minister of Finance, and then, when the country became self-governing, moved to Cambridge as deputy trea-surer and then treasurer of the university

Trevelyan Codrington Gardner was educated at Taunton's School, Southampton, and at Queen's College, Oxford. He served in the Hampshire Regiment during the Second World War, and rose to the rank of major. In 1946 he joined the Colonial Service and was sent to Northern Rhodesia at an exciting time for that country.

Initially, Gardner was sent

to a rural development dis-

trict, but his administrative abilities and drive were very soon recognised and he was quickly posted to serve with the central government administration in the capital, Lusaka. Although in the course of his service in Northern Rhodesia he travelled widely around that country. he was never stationed outside Lusaka again. Working in the financial and economic branches of the administration, and became closely involved in all the swift developments that gave Northern Rhodesia a firm base for independence.

In 1953 the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland was formed, comprising Northern and Southern Rhodesia and Nyasaland. Gardner was always a strong opponent of the federation, which he regarded as detrimental to the interests of the people of Northern Rhodesia. Because of the strength of its copper revenues, Northern Rhodesia was financially the soundest of the three countries, but Gardner feared that the funds that it needed for future development would be drained away by Southern Rhodesia, which

federation's dissolution. This

step was followed by the

granting of internal self-gov-

ernment at the beginning of

1964, and in October of that

year the country obtained its full independence.

In 1960 Gardner became

Minister of Finance, an office

which he held until his retire-

ment in 1964. He was also a

member of the Legislative

Council. In 1961-62 he held the

additional office of Minister of

Local Government and Social

Welfare. Gardner brought to

his work considerable energy,

imagination and drive. He

colleagues. There was never any doubt about his commitment to his was already far more highly various causes, but there were developed. Gardner served on the often suspicions about his real Monckton Commission concerns, and there were always questions about the man which was appointed to examhimself. He seemed to have no ine the progress of the fedfamily or friends, no occupaeration and to consider its future - and he made no secret of his satisfaction when tion, culture or beliefs, no property or income, no loyalty the work led quickly to the or intimacy.

He was briefly married, but this did not fit well with the rest of his life. (His wife, Mary Grigg, later wrote an authoritative account of the Challenor affair, when a senior police detective was proved to be running an organised system planting false evidence in London's West End.) He was always a doer rather than a thinker, a speaker rather than a writer. Even people who worked with him for a long time found him a puzzle. Whatever he was trying to do, he perhaps did more good

than harm.

was well liked and respected and had many friends of all

Despite his well-known opposition to the federation, he remained on excellent terms with Sir Roy Welensky, both at the time and long afterwards. When Northern Rhodesia was granted internal self-government, an Afri-can was appointed Minister of Finance and, although he accepted this as inevitable, Gardner was very disappointed that no opportunity was given him to continue to serve the newly independent coun-try. He had been appointed CBE in 1960.

On his return to Britain, he secured the post of deputy treasurer of Cambridge University, and quickly reorganised much of the running of its finances. When the post of treasurer became vacant in 1969, it was no surprise that Gardner was appointed to it, and he remained treasurer until his retirement in 1983. During that time, all British universities experienced financial difficulties caused by underfunded expansion, inflation and high pay settlements, but Gardner mitigated the effects on the work of the

university as far as possible. He also helped to establish schemes to support students from overseas who could not otherwise afford a Cambridge education. The Livingstone Scholarships for students from South Africa, the Prince Philip Scholarships for students from Hong Kong, and the Commonwealth Trust for students from other parts of the Commonwealth were all

established in the early 1980s. In 1966 he was involved in setting up the American Friends of Cambridge University, an organisation that now brings considerable financial support to the university and its colleges from American graduates.

Gardner remained extremely active after retiring from the university treasurership. From 1990 he was involved with the Cambridge Capital Group (now the Cambridge Research Group), which develops commercial applications for new discoveries emerging from research with-

in the university. Gardner had many interests outside his work. He was a governor of Stonyhurst College and chairman of the governors of St Bede's Roman Catholic School in Cambridge. He was also a trustee of many other organisations, as diverse as the Cambridge Union and the university rugby club. He was a fellow of Wolfson and an honorary fellow of Darwin and Robinson Colleges. And he played a leading part in building Fisher House, a Roman Catholic centre in the middle of Cambridge for students and others. He was never a sleeping partner in any activity, always giving of

In 1944 he married Briege daughter of Patrick Feeham of Dundalk in Ireland, and she and their two sons and three daughters survive him.

his energies to the full.

MARGARET CARMICHAEL



Margaret Carmichael introducing the Queen to a patient at Moorfields Eye Hospital

Margaret Carmichael, OBE, Matron of Moorfields Eye Hospital 1947-70, died on eptember 23 aged 87. She was born on

January 31, 1910.

MARGARÉT CARMI-CHAEL - better known by her maiden name, Margaret Mackellar - was not only matron of Moorfields Eye Hospital for 23 years, but founded the International Ophthalmic Nurses Association, and worked extensively with other organisations promoting training within this specialised field of nursing.

Born in Scotland and educated at Kilmarnock Academy, Margaret Brown Carmichael began her career in 1930 and trained at Charing Cross, Great Ormand Street and Queen Charlotte's. Dur-. ing the war she was on the Territorial Army reserve list until forced to stand down because of ill-health. She then of the Peace in the Thames

took charge of training at Great Ormand Street for a while, before being appointed assistant matron and sister tutor at Moorfields in 1914. where she became matron in

As matron her career became more involved with the training of student nurses, not only in this country but overseas. She advised on training schemes for the Middle East, Canada, Australia, India and Pakistan, and a project particularly close to her heart was the development of the Hospital of St John in Jerusalem, which specialises in ophthalmics.

In 1955 she set up the International Ophthalmic Nurses Association, with the object of providing an international forum for nurses engaged in the profession to share their knowledge and experience. She served as its president until her death.

She also served as a Justice

Division for many years, and was vice-president of the London District of the St John Ambulance Brigade, life president of the Opthalmic Nursing Board, chairman of the Board of Examiners, an executive member of the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind, a representative of the Matrons' Society for the

> OBE in 1970. in 1943 she married John Carmichael, a director of Tate & Lyle, which meant that on her appointment at Moorfields she was the first married woman to be appointed matron of a teaching hospital for

Whitley Council and a Dame

of the Order of St John of

Jerusalem. She was appointed

100 years. Blessed with a warm and generous personality. Margaret Carmichael maintained contact with colleagues and students all over the world until the onset of Alzheimer's disease. Her husband died in 1984. There were no children.

GEORGE CLARK for two months, then for nine became chief marshai of the months and finally for 18

Committee of 100, which

organised campaigns of civil

disobedience and was respon-

sible for the practical organis-

ation of the sit-down protests

George Clark, campaigner, died on September 20 aged 71. He was born on July 31, 1926.

GEORGE CLARK was-once described by a judge as "the most dangerous man in the country". He passed through radical movements like the bird in Bede's parable of human life, flying in from the night — through the hall and out again into the night. His appearances always began well, but often went swiftly wrong.

According to his own account, he was born in Edmonton, evacuated to Cambridgeshire during the war, did his National Service in the Navy, attended the Cambridge College of Technology and Goldsmiths" College, London, where he took a degree in sociology. When he first appeared on the political scene, he was doing market reserach

for the Metal Box Company. Like many others of his generation, he was radicalised by the crises over Suez and Hungary in 1956; but his first political act came a couple of years later. He led a group in the Partisan coffee-house in Soho, who were less interested in socialist theory than in practical action about the squalid aspects of the affluent society. In 1959 he started a promising campaign against the housing conditions in Noting Hill, which were considered to be the breeding ground of the 1958 race riots.

but this soon collapsed. His next action was with the peace movement. He became secretary of the London region of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, and acted as a marshal for the Aldermaston marches. But in 1960, faced with spreading scandal both financial and sexual ~ he suffered a breakdown and

went into hospital. He then became committed

growing distrust and failing to get his own way, he moved on

His next act was a venture of his own, though it was financed by Howard Cheney. a wealthy farmer long active in the peace movement. This was the Campaign Caravan, in which he led a small group of young people across the country during 1962 in an old bus to preach the message of nuclear disarmament. This reached more individuals than any other part of the movement, and the following year it became a permanent element of the movement, as Caravan Workshops. In 1964, however, after falling out with his colleagues again, he finally

left CND. His last act in the cause of peace was a public fast in Parliament Square against the Vietnam War in 1965, which succeeded only in making him look ridiculous.

He may have lacked consistency, but he never lacked courage. He was imprisoned

several times in 1961-63, first

NEW TRAIN FERRY DOVER-DUNKIRK ROUTE OPENED A BOON TO BAD SAILORS

From Our Special Corresp DOVER, Oct. 12

By pressing a button in the pump house at the new ferry dock at Dover the French Ambasador (M. Corbin) today officially inaugurated the Southern Railway Company's new through sleeping-car service between London and Paris via Dover and Dunkirk. The button gave a signal for the lowering of the dock gates, and when these had disappeared beneath the water the steamer Hampton Ferry eamed into the harbour on her voyage. which to-day was to Calais.

Half an hour earlier a number of guests of the company from London and Paris assembled in the steamer's garage on the top deck, where the AMBASSADOR said that every new route that is opened stimulated traffic. and brought about an increase in trade. The present time offered particular reasons for anticipating such an expansion. The currency alignment which had just been carried out by the French Government following an understanding with London and Washington, and

ON THIS DAY

October 13, 1936

The Dover-Dunkirk train ferry was not, perhaps. the giant leap forward which the building of the Channel Tunnel was to make possible. It was, nevertheless, the realisation of a dream by that remarkable railwayman, Sir Herbert Walker

the steps taken a few days ago in France in order to relieve the pressure of tariffs and modify, or even abolish, quotas, must promote the development of trade between the two countries. The new route would be one of the first to benefit from those advantages. The ferry service would attract many business men, for whom every hour counted. Mr R. HOLLAND-MARTIN, the chairman of the company, who presided on behalf of the Southern Railway, extended thanks to the French Ambassador for being there on that occasion, which was an indication of his feeling towards the new link with France. The train ferry was the fulfilment of a dream.

dreamt by Sir Herbert Walker, and its construction had been traught with very great difficulties, among which were the high rise in the tide and the fact that the site was a very windy one in which to put the ferry. In looking for a port on the other side of the Channel they chose Dunkirk on account of its magnificent docks and the great improvements which had been carried out there. When the work was started at Dover they were assured by geologists that what they put down would be on the solid chalk. The first difficulty encountered was the weather, and then, when they started to build walls of concrete, it was found that there were fissures in the chalk rock forming the sea bed. Finally they decided to

carry out the work under the sea. People who were bad sailors had for a long time dreaded changing from train to ship, but that would now be avoided, and passengers could travel in comfortable sleepers. They would go to bed at Victoria and sleep right through the journey to Paris, arriving there in time for their work in the morning. The service should also be a great help to trade, as the objection to sending perishable goods and breakables had been that of transhipment. Goods could now be placed anywhere in Europe, and the wagons would go right

Appointments . The Rev Peter Clement, Curate, Manchester (Apostles) w Miles

Planing (Manchester): to be halftime Team Vicar, Sole Bay Team, with special responsibility for Wangford, Uggeshall and Sother-ton, and half-time, Halesworth Deanery, with responsibility for developing local ministry (St Edmundsbury & Ipswich). The Rev Andrew Dawson, Vicar. Shevington St Anne (Blackburn): to be International Officer (and Team Leader for Evangel Ecumenism and International Alfairs) (same diocese). The Rev Nigel Di Castiglione,

Assistant Curate, Tamworth (Lichfield): to be Priest-in-Charge, Trentham (same diocese). The Rev Andrew Edmunds, Curate, Torquay St Matthias, St Mark and Holy Trinity (Exeter): to be Vicar, Ripley All Saints (Derby). The Rev Royston Grosvenor, Rector. Merstham and Gatton (Southwarks to be Vicar, Tidenham w Beachley and Lancaut

The Rev Graham Hinchins, Cu-(Gloucester). rate, Bishops Waltham (Ports-

mouth): to be Team Vicar designate, Honiton, Gittisham.

Combe Raleigh, Monkton and Awliscombe (Exeter). The Rev Peter Jaram, Assistant Curate, Rufforth w Moor Monkton and Hessay, and Healaugh w Wighill, Bilbrough and Askam Richard (York): to be Priest-in-Charge, Healaugh w Wighill Bilbrough and Askham Richard, and part-time Chaplain. Askham Bryan College (same

The Rev David Little, Curate, Chislehurst Christ Church (Rochester): to be Team \
Marlbrook (Bath & Wells). The Rev Rebekah Little, Assistant Curate, Chislehurst Christ Church (Rochester): to be NSM Assistant Curate, Maribrook (Bath & Wells). Canon Charmion Mann, part-time Priest-in-Charge, Lacock w Bowden Hill (Bristol): to be also part-time Assistant Curaie, Greater Corsham (same diocese). The Rev Graham Mayer, Priest-in-Trusham. Charge, Christow,

Church news Brisford and Ashton (Exeter): to be also Priest-in-Charge. Dunchideock, Shillingford St George w Ide (same diocese). The Rev Robert Miles, Vicar,

Painswick w Sheepscombe, and Priest-in-Charge of the Con-ventional District of Cranham (Gloucester): to be Vicar, Painswick w Sheepscombe and Cranham - new benefice (same diocese).

The Rev David Pollard, Assistant Curate to the Conventional District of Parkwood Christ Church, (Canterbury): to be Rector, Lanreath and Pelynt (Truro). The Rev John Postill, Team Vicar. Winfarthing w Shelfanger (Chichester): to be Assistant Curate, Bushridge with special responsibility for Hambledon

The Rev Mary Ridgewell, NSM, Bradford Peverell, Stratton. Prampton and Sydling St Nicholas (Salisbury): to be Chaplain, HMYOl Guy's Marsh, Shaftesbury (same diocese).

The Rev Barry Sanders, Team Rector, Walsail (Lichfield): to be also Prebendary of Lichfield The Rev Teresa Stewart-Sykes, NSM. Meir Heath (Lichfield): to be Assistant Curate, same

Retirements and resignations The Rev John Parkinson, Vicar. Berrow w Pendock, Eldersfield, Hollybush and Birtsmorton (Worcester) retired September 30. The Rev Gerald Pembery, Assistant Curate, Bream (Gloucester) retired July 28.

tor, Wymington w Podington (St Albans) retired October 7. Corrections The Very Rev Brian Horlock, Bean of the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, Gibraltar, and also Chap lain. Gibraltar (Europe) to retire

The Rev Robert Woodward, Rec-

June 7, 1998. The Rev Dr John Parr, Priest in Charge, Harston w Hattoton, and Continuing Ministerial Education Officer (Ely): to be also Priest-in-Charge. Newton St Margaret (same diocese).

THE TIMES TODAY

Rome football police under fire

■ Inquiries were under way last night into how an expensive and long-planned police operation to control crowds at the Italy v England World Cup qualifying game degenerated into the weekend's violent confrontations in Rome.

The FA is determined to prevent trouble for English fans at next summer's World Cup in France. Explanations are being sought from the Italian authorities for the behaviour of their police towards England's 9,000 supporters Pages 1, 3, 25-27, 33

Defence and Trade to bail out NHS

■ The ministries of Defence and Trade have been told to find hundreds of millions of pounds in savings to stave off a winter hospital crisis in the NHS. The announcement of the funding. ordered by Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, will be made by the Treasury within the next week

Last Messerschmitt

The last airworthy Messer- The police criticised training schmitt 109 fighter crashed during an air show at Duxford, Cambridgeshire. The pilot, Air Chief Marshal Sir John Allison, ...Page 1

School sacking fund

being prepared by the Government to help head teachers to speed up the sacking of the country's worst teachers, The Times has learnt.... ...Pase I

Hague showdown

William Hague faces a showdown with Tory backbenchers who have launched a bid to block reforms of the party including a vote for grassroot members in leadership contests......Page 2

Blair meets Adams Tony Blair will be the first Prime

Minister to meet an Irish republican leader in 76 years when he comes face to face with Gerry Adams at Stormont...... Page 4

MP in the limelight The private life of the Tory MP

Piers Merchant took a bizarre twist when his wife appeared for the tabloid press with the girl alleged to be his mistress .Page 5 BBC book sale

The BBC is to sell 60,000 books and close two of its lending libraries. Loan stock will be removed from Broadcasting House and Bush House _

Diving deaths

standards in scuba diving after an investigation into the deaths of three inexperienced divers at a diving school in Leicestershire this year _

Change of mind

A fund of nearly £20 million is Doctors, accountants and other expert witnesses used by lawyers in court cases are regularly asked to modify their opinions by instructing solicitors, according to a survey. ..Page 8

Boost for Britain

Britain will be awarded high marks by the European Union in Luxembourg for progress in bringing its economy into line for qualifying for economic and monetary union...

The Queen criticised The Queen arrived in India to a hostile press reception, reflecting suspicions that she is being used to promote a hidden for a solution to the Kashmir crisis Page 10

Clinton's dream President Clinton, on his first trip to South America, will invoke his old dream of a pan-American trading bloc extending from Alas-ka to Argentina....... Pages 11, 21

Mossad inquiry An inquiry into the most bungled mission by Israel's Mossad secret service, the attempt to assassinate a Hamas leader, opened at a

secret location in Israel_Page 14

Now read on: famous first words

The opening lines of some of the greatest writers have entered the Oxford Dictionary of Literary Quotations as a subject in their own right. There are 41 entries, which are not claimed to be the best quotes, but those which have become part of the collective conscious. The publishers are aware that their list will provoke debate Pages 6, 21



Britain's Russell Reid and Andrew Watson pulling away from Tenerife at the start of a rowing race to Barbados. Page 2

Mega mergar: BAT, the cigarettes and insurance giant, is in talks with Zurich insurance to create one of the world's biggest financial services companies.... Page 48

EMU 1999: The Treasury's own economic modelling techniques show that the UK could join the single currency in 1999 as long as taxes are raised to prevent a housing boom Page 48

Expensive shares: The warning by Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve, about Wall Street's growth prospects has left UK doom-mongers even more firmly entrenched...... Page 46

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Footbalk Scotland, by beating Latvia in Glasgow, and England, by drawing in Italy, ensured safe passage to the World Cup finals in France next summer... Pages 25-28: Boxing: Joe Calzaghe, of Wales, condemned Chris Eubank to defeat on his return to the ring when he won the vacant WBO super-middleweight title on points inPage 31 Golf: Vijay Singh, of Fiji, won

£170,000 and avenged his defeat in last year's final when he ended Ernie Els's remarkable three-year reign in the Toyota World Match Play at Wentworth......Page 32

Rugby union: Wasps preserved their 100 per cent Heineken Cup record and ensured a home draw in the quarter-finals, when they beat Swansea at Loftus Road ... Page 34

Melvyn Bragg: This is the exotic week of the two Bookers. One in the City to anoint the Booker novel of 1997. The other in Cheltenham for the novel of 1847. Both will be a dammed close-run thing"... Page 18 Medievel drame: David Birtley's new ballet Edward II, unveiled by

he is a choreographer not afraid to take risks Page 18 Denoing dodgeme: The Roundhouse in north London is open again, courtesy of a Belgian theatre company which combines children

Birmingham Royal Ballet, proves

and dodgem cars irish theatre: Thomas Kilroy's experimental play The Secret Fall of Constance Wilde at the Abbey; the Gate presents Joe O Connor's The.

and game show: two teams create an Edwardian kitchen in Period Rooms (Ch 5, 8.00pm). Review: Matthew Bond sees James Purefuy continue a dance with time in Bright Hair (BBCI) ... Pages 46, 47

Preview: A combination of DIY

In the virtual library

It is time to reinvent the library. More than half a millennium after Gutenberg first used moveable type, a revolution at least as profound in the storage and transmission of information is passing Britain's libraries by Page 21

Yankee come here

American Presidents invariably travel thousands of miles while in office. Yet they rarely visit their own backyard

Quote, unquote

Eirst lines fire the opening salvo of a book. They are not often reprentative of the chapters marching up behind them....

FRANK PROCHASKA

The Crown, far from impeding reforms as republicans imagine. anakes make it easier to implement them Page 20

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

In a few days timme the world's stock markets will see the leath miversary of the 1987 crash; it is 8 years since the Great Wall Street crash of 1929 ... It used to be said that if America caught a cold. Europe would have specimenta; now if the United States castiles pneumonia, Europe carr expert a nasty bout of flu Page 20 PETER RIDDELL 🐉

Tony Blair faces a series of deci-sions — over a single currency, electoral reform and the welfare state - that will show what lies behind his chetoric about hard

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17, 18, 27, 34 and 40. Bombs hall: 29. T sessment; Papoletin III ... Page 21.



TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

ARTS

The extravagant and hypnotic paintings of Rossetti go on show at the Tate Gallery

versial topic of privacy

with survey spells. Light to moderate NW wind. Mex 13C (5SF).

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LAW The Times launches its annual essay competition — on the contro-

single ticket-holder won the E8.548388 jackpot. Twenty two
people marked five halts and the Bresenbrig Cathidge Conservative
bonus in collect £119.564 each and Party need his more young mem7/0 people marched five halls to bers. Brunnine artists, paying for
take £2.135. Winning numbers 15. healthcare, sportsmanship self as-

an abortion. I know I am not the

Britam's big new name, tulks to

Grace Bradberry Page 17

Huygens probe: The biggest plane-

tary explorer of all lifts off on a

seven-year journey to Saturn and

its 18 moons. Anjana Ahuja

The Fifth Congress of the Commu-

nist Party of Cuba, which has seen

the recovery of the figure of Che

Guevara, has been marked by in-

transigence. How much longer can

the regime last, when its main reci-

pe is more sacrifice? Castro and the

priviliged nomenklatura that sur-

rounds him will, without doubt, try

to make sure it goes on ar long as

possible. This simply means a bad

situation wilf get worse - El Pais

first middle-class, married woma with children to have done so, but I'do not know of anyone else in my

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Spoken by Scots, it can sound like French (6). 5 Dash of sauce initially placed by

10 Pine less so after being cut down? 11 Erratic prisoner caught in a moment (10).

12 Mother put in request for reversible fabric [6].

13 Loudly summon boy — one involved in suspect activities (6-2). 14 Humility cartoonist's shown about appearance (9).

18 Old tribe's not altogether nice nickname (5). 19 Beat some seeds (5).

20 Bridge opponents doubled without trilling to teach a lesson (9).

24 A pupil originally with little desire to take courses (8).

25 Destitution of writer unknown outside old city (6).

26 Musical sounds emitted by the earliest tweeters? (4,6). The solution of Saturday's Prize

Puzzle No 20,608 will appear next Saturday. The five winners wili each receive a £20 book token.

27 Ready for business? It's yet to be decided (4). 28 Countryman's right to keep one

in the mountains (8). 29 French art gallery's total pos-

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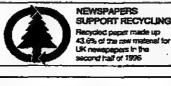
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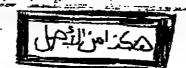


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ENGLAND COME HOME FROM ROME IN TRIUMP



Looking for Mr Wright: Hoddle, the England coach, seeks out the Arsenal striker who personified the England effort in the goalless draw at the Olympic Stadium in Rome. Photographs: Marc Aspland

Hoddle halfway to heaven

TWO hours before the kick-off, the giant screens at either end of the Olympic Stadium

here flickered into life. First,

they showed a selection of

great Italian goals. Lnigi Riva

got some of the highlights, Paolo Rossi was among them

too, with a stooping header in

his hat-trick against Brazil in the 1982 World Cup. Predict-

ably, the footage of Gian-

franco Zola's strike against England at Wembley in Feb-

Some time later, the Eng-

land squad sauntered out on

to the pitch to sample the atmosphere, their tracksuit

tops tied around their waist,

and high in the stands some-

body slipped a new video into the machine. It was newsree!

footage, black and white and a

bit grainy, but the figures were

Bobby Moore as he imbered

up before a game and then

moved on to Bobby Charlton.

Tony Adams, Ian Wright,

David Beckham and the rest

stopped to stare. For a couple

of minutes, they watched im-

ages that they must have seen

a thousand times before, the

events of the 1966 World Cup

Final, and then strode back to

The camera lingered on

clear enough.

ruary got the biggest cheer.



their changing room. Later, after midnight, when the celebrations that followed England's automatic qualification for next summer's World Cup finals in France courtesy of a nerve-wracking 0.0 draw with Italy had calmed down a little, when Wright had staunched his tears of joy, when Gareth Southgate had managed to stop his fist pumping in delight, David Beckham had stifled his whoops of joy and six stitches had been inserted

For England there is no champagne. The job of winning the World Cup

has just started, Oliver Holt says

Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, and his players remem-

bered that footage.

They were delighted, of course, that they would not have to be subjected to today's agony of discovering which team they would have to face in the two-legged play-offs between group runners-up, which will be Italy's fate. A gentler examination, a friendly against Portugal in little over a month's time, and a flood of requests from other nations interested in similar fixtures, are theirs to look forward to instead.

They were jubilant, too, that, for the first time in eight years. England had qualified for the World Cup finals, the sport's biggest stage, the event

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that is bound to take the burgeoning levels of interest in the game in this country to hitherto unexplored heights, that will allow a whole generation of players like Adams, Ince and Wright to fulfil their ambition of appearing in the

competition.
Yet, in its current incarnation, this is not a squad reared on ephemerality. Hoddle has built it to last, has tailored everything to qualifying for France and has always insisted his England side would get there. To achieve that ahead of Italy is cause for rejoicing, but on the flight back to Luton early yesterday, there was an absence of euphoria that made the atmosphere almost subdued. It was a determination

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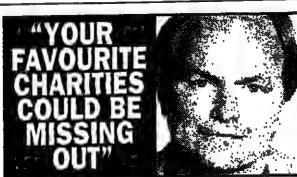
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to recognise that the goal had not yet been achieved. "If I had had any doubts about whether I could get us to the World Cup," Hoddle said, "I would not have taken the job. Terry Venables did a magnificent job before me, which put a lot more pressure on me when ! took over. We are only halfway there. My standards are much higher than just qualifying for the World Cup.

i want us to do well in it, too. "It was a proud moment when the whistle went tonight and we went out and joined the players, but the hard work starts now. It starts here, because we are setting ourselves a standard and we have not reached it yet. You put the wedding suit on when you are in the tournament. We can look forward to that."

The feeling of optimism and togetherness that is coursing through the squad seems to be growing every day. Ince and Paul Gascoigne both alluded to the youth of many of the squad, players like the Neville brothers. Gary and Phil, Beckham, Sol Campbell and Robbie Fowler, Hoddle picked out Rio Ferdinand, the West Ham United defender, and Nigel Quashie, the Queens Park Rangers midfield player, who could put pressure on existing members of the squad in the run up to the finals. And there is still the prospect of Alan Shearer's return from injury.

Everything is positive now. Everything is moving forward with a feeling of gathering momentum. There was no champagne after the match tonight or anything like that," Ince said. "After Euro 96, we felt we could go on and achieve something, but if we had not won tonight, we would have achieved nothing. It is a great feeling but the main task is



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in the angry gash on the forehead of Paul Ince that had land captain, who needed six stitches in a scribed the win as the best of his cares spattered his shirt with blood,

Imitation enables cunning Hoddle to achieve his goal

AS Cesare Maldini, the ageing Italy coach, saw the television inquisitors coming for him in the Olympic Stadium late on Saturday night, he cast a glance at Glenn Hoddle. The young Englishman was in the throes of a dance of joy with the inevitable Gascoigne, with his coaching accomplices and with those who had helped Italian way of achieving foot-England did to the Romans

what they had done to them over so many years. The game was made sterile, the ball was possessed by calculated, clever but frustrating ground control. Tempers were kept in the face of provocation, the bodies kept moving through dehydrating oppression ... and while others lost their heads and their reputations, the police as well as some English fans, Hoddle's team was proving not only worthy of qualifying for the World Cup finals, but also deserving of the odds that now proclaim England, not Italy, to be among the favoured final four when the tournament begins in France next summer. How remarkable. How very

surprising that Hoddle, barely out of his playing boots, whose reputation was for playing the Beautiful Game more than any English contemporary, should take such pride in orchestrating a night of such negativity. Unashamed, Hoddle was to

take the plaudits from Maldini, who agreed that England had the strength of character and personality beyond his own team. "We nulli-<u>Italian</u> strength," Hoddie

"and we went on to nullify the game. Everyone should be very proud. We have qualified for the first time in eight years and our major cern in the team talks was of temperament, of keeping our heads. We did that magnificently."

Indeed, a team in modern sport does not have to be virtuous to be valiant. While England were casting off their cloak of long-ball football, another team was doing something similar in the heat of Athens, Denmark, close to England in the athleticism of their football, needed a 0-0 draw and achieved it in front of 70,000 seething Greeks. who at one point responded by





In Rome

firing so many flares towards the field that the referee had to suspend play for five minutes and take the teams to the relative safety of the centre circle. Disorder, violence and rabid nationalism are not, as some portray it, England's Neither is the art of manipu-

lating the flow of a game any longer a Latin preserve, or an English failing. In the final seconds before half-time, six Beckham. Englishmen Gascoigne, Le Saux, Sheringham, Ince and Campbell had drawn the sting out of Italy. They had laced together 14 passes and only once did a player need more than a single touch. Then it was Le Saux, dancing out of the lunging reach of Di Livio, who was

'In modern team sport a team does not have to be virtuous to be valiant'

> that he was rightly sent off for two ugly fouls. This quintessential English

move ended with an exchange of passes between Shering-harn and Beckharn that algoal of the night. It had been pass-and-move out of the very traditions of Tottenham Hotspur, where Hoddle, his assistant, John Gorman, and indeed his goalkeeping coach. Ray Clemence, all honed their craft. Thanks to White Hart Lane, thanks to Bill Nicholson, the old mentor, and thanks be that Lancaster Gate's lumbering doctrine of long-ball football is now

Hoddle rightly cautions that

that if England are to aim for the achievements of Germany or Brazil, their trainingground efforts have to be redoubled, but he has identified the men he needs for the job. His captain, Ince, gave blood, his defensive pillar, Adams, never gave an inch,

and Gascoigne, in whom Terry Venables and now Hoddle have bestowed outstanding faith, managed just — to curb his daft recklessness and to control the rhythm of the vital first half-hour with the passes and cushioning of a football in the manner for which he is almost uniquely

If at times this accomplishment ran averse to the noble aims of the game, there is, in the offices of administration, an understanding. There is so much pressure on coaches that they think about the result and nothing else." Frits Ahl-strom, the Dane who speaks for Uefa, the European governing body, said. "We will not change this, whatever we try to do through the rules. My country, Denmark, qualified on Saturday as yours did and I'm thrilled.

Italy did not. They had ven to the world decades of barrenness, sometimes lacing the spite with artistic beauty, but emphasising always that if the opponents fail to score, they cannot win. Yet England, perversely, did precisely that. Hoddle's team played Italy home and away, scored not a single goal, squeezed the will and the effec-

tiveness out of the the one necessary. How so? England's real triumph had been laid in Poland and Georgia, where they dared to win and Italy, timidly, drew.

Hoddle admitted that he had

indulged in gamesmanship. exaggerated Beckham's cold and his players, particularly Gascoigne and Wright, had "drawn fouls" from the Italians. Conquering. in a fashion, the cunning by which Italy built World Cup power, Hoddle's ultimate achievement has been to impregnate England's dressingroom with the spirit of togetherness that enabled the British Isles to prevail against the odds in South Africa and enabled Europe to beat the United States in the Ryder Cup. To use his catchphrase, it is about "inner belief".



No tears as Gascoigne has last laugh on the beach coming through

trying to help him have said that a change has come over Paul Gascoigne in the past few months, that, at condemned him to three years last, he has started to see the

As Saturday night turned into Sunday morning in a small room off the labyrinth of corridors under the Olympic Stadium in Rome, it was apparent that something was, indeed, different. This was post-match, this was italy and Gazza was before us with dry eyes and his head held high.

It had been a vale of tears for him, this country where his talent had first burst on to the one after the other, his fragile dreams had withered and died, where his career had seemed to slip into a debilitating sort of decadence that all Was Inc decline and fall.

He had wept in the Stadio Delle Alpi, in Turin, when England lost their World Cup semi-final to Germany in 1990. Later, when he moved to Rome to play his club football for Lazio, he endured his most tortured years, existing like a gladiator who is a slave to others. It was there that his drinking and his eating had spiralled out of control and

Oliver Holt looks back on a night of redemption for England's midfield player, who won his own personal battle in Rome

of frustration in Serie A. On Saturday night, though, in the same stadium where he had toiled for Lazio, in front of the fans who still love him for the occasional flashes of brilliance that he once gave them, Gascoigne got his own back on Italy in the goalless draw

that took England to the World Cup finals in France next year. He produced one of the most controlled performances of his career and played with a sustained quality and maturity, illuminated by flashes of technical by flash brilliance

He made a fool of Albertini and embarrassed him constantly with his clusiveness and speed of thought. In the first half. Gascolgne and David Beckham were at the heart of everything that England created.

As he sat in that small room after the match, it almost seemed as though his tormented soul had found a measure of peace in revenge and that he had finally laid his ghosts to rest. The last time I left here after a World Cup match, I was in tears," he said. "This time, there is a smile on my



face. When I left Lazio, their president said The next time you come to Italy will be for a holiday' and he was right. I've njoyed my holiday tonight. "I will kill Glenn Hoddle if

he doesn't pick me for the World Cup squad, but in some the World Cup in 1990 and I really enjoyed my time. I'd like to think I have done the job I had to do in the qualifying matches, but next year is another year.

Who knows, I might get injured. Touch wood, I won't, but if Glenn thinks other players are better than me then I will wish them good luck, because it is a great tournament. What is

important for me is that I leave Italy this time on a good note and next time I come here. I will be able to walk around. with my chest stuck out.

We just played the Italians at their own game tonight. They are very good at diving, cheating, trying to waste time and we knew that if they got a goal, they would do that. So I did a bit of it myself. I kicked the ball away a few times to let them chase it. It was great honestly it was great, to see them running after the ball for a change. They were desperate and it was a really nice feeling to see that Even when their and coins on to the patch, that helped us, too, because it just wasted ever more time.

Gascoisme spoke with a rare reflection and a maturity of purpose that he had never shown before. For the first time, he expressed a desire to help those around him as the World Cup approaches. Until now, he has been forced to concentrate on getting help

"I stayed controlled during the game tonight," he said, "You have got to understand we have a lot of young players

challenging for places. When I was their age, I had people like Terry Butcher, Bryan Robson, John Barnes, Chris Wardle and Peter Beardsley and they pulled me through and learned from them.

. "I hope that in the past year or year and a half, that these young kids have learned from me and that I can give them a little bit, not off the pitch, just on it. We have got the young kids coming through and want to set an example to them on the pitch. I might misbehave now and again - maybe that is in Paul Gascoigne but if I can show them what I am capable of on the pitch, that might help them.

"God knows what these young players will be like in four or live years time when the next World Cup comes around, but let's make them proud of being Englishmen again. My only other concern mer is to keep the little sods off my back and to try to stop them taking my place."

Before he left, Gascoigne

paid tribute to the contribution of Ian Wright. In one way. though, he was keen to dis-taince himself from his friend. "He shed a few tears tonight." Gascoigne said, but there was no way I was going to join



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Cesare Maldini: "We were up against a great team

Zola critical of foreign role

PUTTING on a brave face amid the latest Roman ruins, Italy's besieged coach, Cesare Maldini, said: "We suffered a lot, because we found ourselves up against a great team, but I have nothing to say to my players. They fought really well, even if we encountered some difficulties in the first half, especially in midfield, where we could have done

We created few scoring chances because they shut down the spaces very well, but England were not dangerous either. However, 1 repeat, 1 don't have to reproach anyone for anything. They were all

really good.
I tried to make all the

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Brian Glanville elicits the post-match views of the Italy coach and players

changes possible. Unfortunately, my son, Paolo, was injured, but the team continued to attack. We couldn't do more than that. I started with Inzaghi to keep the team on the attack and give more support to Vieri. That was not enough. either. We are talking about difficult games, which can be won on certain incidents. Unfortunately for us, it did not go

We did everything possible, not only this time but in the preceding games. We won at Wembley, the English drew

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with us here. The truth is that, in six games, we got three wins and three draws, yet we have not qualified and this is an injustice that leaves a bad taste

in the mouth. "In midfield, we suffered because we missed Di Matteo. who was suspended. Unfortunately, I have to repeat that in this area we have many difficulties, because in Italy there are so many foreigners in the most important teams playing those roles. And in a year, or a year and a half, the problems will be

Paolo Maldini said: "Now, we are psychologically destroyed. And I am also physi-cally destroyed. I hadly twisted my ankle. It's giving me tre-mendous pain and I hope it won't cause me to miss 100

many matches. Unfortunately, we failed in our first mission. Fortunately, we still have a lifebelt. Unluckily, we paid for our psychologi-cal uneasiness, which became more obvious as the minutes passed. Our state of mind was completely different from theirs - and this had considerable

Gianfranco Zola was a disappointing and disappointed figure. "I don't make magic," he said. "I work and always try to do well. I succeed when we are all good. At the Olympic Stadium. I and all the rest were less good. I would have given my finger to win this game. I played as Maldini wanted. We spoke and I told him going back into midfield I'd have difficulty

- and so it was. In that position, I do less. At the start, I tried to stay up to put them in trouble, but we suffered in midfield and I had to drop back. My performance was limited by this, There are no excuses, it is just the truth. The English did well to run the game. We lacked a man in

midfield, so that I had to drop back to help Albertini and Dino Baggio. In effect, I found myself running after Barry like a madman. In such conditions, l burnt up precious energy. Let us tell the truth, I was neither fish nor fowl. I say honestly, to play such a role it would have been better to have had another player than Zola." Alessandro Del Piero said:

A draw was good for them and they played accordingly. So much possession, but it seemed they only had a couple of shots. When you think how things went and that we took four out of six points from this team, the bitterness becomes almost intolerable.

And the penalty he did not get after Adams's tackle? "It was a gigantic fake. Did you see? I got up at once and apologised to the referee."

Alessandro Costacorta, the sweeper, said: "The referee certainly did not like us. But the draw with England, one of the strongest teams in the world, could suit us. We go on to the play-offs. I wouldn't bet on our not qualitying."

For his part, Filippo Inzaghi, unexpectedly used from the start as a striker. said: "I was exhausted. In those 45 minutes, I gave everything. We didn't manage to catch them up. We were too stretched out and, in those conditions, it is difficult to get through a packed defence. I have to smile, bitterly, thinking of the forecasts before the game, which imagined we would see an England who would come to Olympico to play us on level terms.

Quite the reverse. They closed up in midfield, packed their defence and waited for us - perfectly logical from their point of view. They turned it into a battle and luckily I didn't get an elbow from Campbell. They held out in our first half-hour and, as the minutes passed, they grew more confident. Now two finals await us."

Italian press excoriate 'timorous' Maldini

By Brian Glanville

'A HARD lesson" was the front-page headline in La. Stampa, the Turin daily, after the hard night that Italy endured in Rome against England on Saturday. And a very hard press they got the

next day. Roberto Beccantini, in La Stampa, proclaimed: "An English lesson. There are ways and ways of surrender ing to the enemy, above all when you play in a den like the Olympico, with the memories of magic nights still

"Cesare Maldini's Italy chose the most timorous way, giving England the draw that the Masters fully deserved ... For Glenn Hoddle's team, then, the World Cup has been a brilliantly-accomplished mission." Inside was the headline "A collective shipwreck" and the sub-heading Cesare Maldini alternates five strikers, but no one

shoots". The headline in Corriere Dello Sport, the Roman sports daily, was perhaps the most damning of all. It read simply "Povera Italia". Poor Sport, the Milan sports dai-

Italy. In Gazzetta Dello ly, the headline over the editorial by Candido Cannavo, read "Courage drowned in a sea of Impotence". "Thank heaven," Cannavo wrote, "that there are parachutes. Let's open them and not make the slightest mistake in our manoeuvres. Italy, football superpower, clings to a double play off so as not to be out of the first World Cup of 32 teams. Do

you hear the silence that

comes from the Olympico? It

is louder, more intense and

painful than the choruses of

the English."

REACTION

From the final scene, there emerges in a sinister way the sense of our impotence. Disappointed, very disappointed. The only adjective the national team can turn to is the most pathetic one spirited, above all when they were down to ten.

Dignity the vital minimum.

"On the emotional level, the best of this game that had no great entertaining qualicame in injury time with double dose of folly. a double cose of an Wright hitting the post of an

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open goal. Vieri missing a tremendous chance.

With all respect to the quote 'conscience at peace' that Maldini talked about, it's impossible to disguise a failure there was no real play and consequently, no real ability to attack."

Inside the paper, Lodovico Maradel, its chief football correspondent, was no less stringent. "Dominated midfield and impotent in attack, the Azzurri scarcely shot at goal. One real chance in injury time is too meagreto deserve qualification.

"A failure all along the line. The English came to Rome for a decisive point and they got it with extreme aplomb. When we were Italy did in the 90 minutes."

have won, but contented the game against an opponent that managed to explore nothing but its own Predictably, there was

abundant coverage of the violent excesses of English Sera wrote: "The hooligans spread terror even in the centre of Rome. Bars destroyed, passers-by attacked. A heavy final reckoning. Thirty injured, the most seriously a policeman with cranial trauma. Forty arrests, 100 demineri."

Tuttosport, the Turin daily, had the headline "A Long Day of Madness, signed by the hooligans". It went on: "This had been an open city for 3,000 years, so Rome didn't even resist the semihooligan invasion of the English fans. Three Englishmen who

hit the policeman with a seat were arrested. In the area where clashes took place, there were members of the National Front ... It was organisation at the stadium that failed. One group, some of them drunk, with tickets for the terraces, finished in the directors box. Three hundred fans with tickets didn't get in."

Significantly, a headline in the paper read "Zola a ghost, Ince heroic". Corriere Dello Sport lamented: "We enter World Cup purgatory without believing it. Only eight months have passed since Zola took us past the fear of Wembley . . . We got out, moreover, without ever really having risked trying to win, against a real team, much better-organised than ours, which finished by com-

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Indomitable Ince leads by example as draw secures place in World Cup finals

England's superior skill holds sway

FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

SWATHED in bloodied cream bandages, a giant grin creasing his face, the sight of Paul Ince rallying his men in the cauldron of the Olympic Stadium will be the enduring image of England's sack of Rome. Ince described himself after the game as "a black Terry Butcher". Paul Gascoigne likened his appearance to a pint of Guinness. To the supporters, he was the hero of a team of heroes.

Inevitably, it was Ince's performance that took the eye. The sight of one of the walking wounded hurling himself into tackles, leaping for headers that tore asunder the stitches in the gash in his forehead and forced him back off the pitch for more emergency repairs drew gasps, winces and shouts of admiration from the visiting sections of the crowd.

Those who see these images of Ince will draw familiar conclusions. They will smile and talk about England's buildog spirit. They will assume perhaps that England's draw, their victory in the race for automatic qualification for the World Cup finals in France next summer, was another triumph for bravery and brute force over guile and technical accomplishment. This England performance, though,

Even beyond the melodrama of the bandages, ince had



an outstanding game in the fulcrum of the England mid-field, but the goalless draw with Italy on Saturday night, the first time that the home team had failed to achieve a

Unpalatable though it may be for the dogged minority who persist, through some misguided romanticism, in ex-



Hoddle receives congratulations from Ray Clemence

win in a World Cup match in the Eternal City, was much, much more than the stereotype of a triumph for spirit

Italian winner lengthened.
In the face of England's the game including Del Piero get the key from the kit man,

spirit and less skill. The honours may have remained even, but England were so dominant that it felt like a victory. Tony Adams, the man House had made "captain of the back three", was utterly impenetrable. Alongside him,

Gareth Southgate was steadfast and sure. After a shaky first half, Sol Campbell grew in stature, too, and together they nullified the threat of the Italy attack so comprehensively that Filippo Inzaghi was substituted at half-time and Giantranco Zola was taken off with half an hour still to play:

In midfield, David Batty was once more the model of aggressive economy, ince was the tackling, surging dynamo-who never shirked a tackle. never allowed an opponent time or space, and Gascoigne control that he made his immediate opposites, Alber-tini and Baggio, look clumsy and limited in comparison.

More than all these individ-

ual contributions, though, it was the comportment and style of the team that carried them through England played amart. They played Italy at their own game. They knew the pressure was on their hosts so they cranked it up. They fell extravagantly when they were challenged, they stayed down if they felt like it, they nudged the ball away now and again at free kicks to waste a bit of time and add a little to the ire of the

The players with the liery temperaments — Le Saux. Beckham, Gascoigne and Ince - stayed calm even when the Italians tried to provoke them. In the end, as the crowd in the huge, elegant oval of a stadium began to grow restive, it was the home side that lost its was sent off in the 76th minute for a wild, scything tackle on Campbell, the odds on an

resolution at the back and the collective determination of the midfield not to give the ball away cheaply, the Italians were disappointingly burren of ideas and movement. Even the basics, such as the delivery of free kicks from dangerous areas by icons of



Inzaghi cannot escape the attentions of Campbell as England's defence stands firm in the Olympic Stadium. Photograph: Ben Radford / Allsport

England had a lucky escape

and Zola, were carried out with startling ineptitude. Perhaps the pressure was just too

Whatever the reason, Italy could not worry England even when Ince was off the pitch for seven minutes early in the first half, having his cut stitched after he had been caught by Albertini's flying elbow. The changing-rooms were locked when we got down there to have the cut seen to," Ince said, "and no one had a key. We were going mad and I was shouting at the geezers in Italian, in the end, we had to

but it was about five minutes before we could get in."

Despite that absence, it was

England who fashioned the only clear-cut chances of the first half. The first, which came while Paolo Maldini, the Italy captain, was trying in vain to run off a self-inflicted injury sustained in a rash, tackle on ince, was created by a flighted ball from Beckham that Sheringham nodded into the path of the England captain. Ince ran on to the ball about 12 yards out, but his fierce voiley was too close to Peruzzi and the goalkeeper

when Albertini's free kick cannoned off Le Saux and spun wide. Then, in first-half injury time, Beckham played a one-two with Sheringham, ran into space and curled a right-foot shot just wide of Peruzzi's right-hand post when he should at least have

got it on target. England indulged in their time-wasting tactics as soon as the second half began and, as Italy's irritation grew, so did their ineffectiveness. Seaman reacted well to beat out a cross-shot from Chiesa after

caused an alarm when he fell theatrically over Adams's foot in the penalty area. He was booked for diving. England nearly got the win they deserved deep in injury

time, when Wright rounded

Peruzzi but hit his shot against a post from an acute angle. Seconds later, Italy nearly got the win they did not deserve when Vieri rose majestically at the back post to meet Del Piero's cross, but directed his header inches wide of the

In Rotterdam, the last time they needed the favour of World Cup, England were denied it. But this was not Rotterdam or anywhere; this was Rome. England deserved their luck. They rode it all the way to France.

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Ireland wary of the eastern promise in play-off draw

BY RUSSELL KUMPSON

WELCOME to the Last Chance Saloon. When Ireland go into the hat for the draw for the World Cup playoffs in Zurich this afternoon. they face the likelihood of a. trip to the east as their reward for finishing among the runners-up of the nine European

qualifying groups.

Along with ireland, Italy and Belgium from the west, Croatia, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Russia and Ukraine have had to settle for second best en route to a possible place in the finals in France next year. Only the bravest, or most fortunate, will survive.

Hungary, understandably, will be perceived as the weak-est of the eight teams vying for

the remaining four qualifying places from Europe. They were effectively out of the competition when, two minutes from the end of time added on for stoppages in Helsinki on Saturday, they trailed 10 against Finland. Only a bizarre own goal gave Hungary a 1-1 draw and a second bite of the lucrative cherry. On such strokes of luck are great deeds born. After the 1-1 draw with Romania in Dublin, Mick

McCarthy, the Ireland manager, declined to select his

favoured opposition in the play-offs. "I won't tell you who I'd like to play." he said.

"I don't want them to pin my comments on the dressingroom wall and say: 'Look, they reckon they can beat us."

McCarthy conceded, though, that a draw against Italy, who finished secondbest to England, might be to ireland's advantage. "I'm not sure if they would be too pleased to play against another British type of team," he said. "We're all going to be under pressure, but looking at

Scotland's triumph Positive Ireland Boost for Francis . TV action replay .. Lynne Truss

what has happened to Italy, they'll probably be under more pressure than the rest of

Cesare Maldini, the Italy coach, is indeed already showing signs of stress, grip-ing about the qualifying system that has forced his side into an undignified scramble secure their ticket to France. "The system is open to criticism because a European undoubtedly country, strong one, will be excluded to make way, for example, for Jamaica, he said. "Of the sides we might play in the

play-offs, some are very good

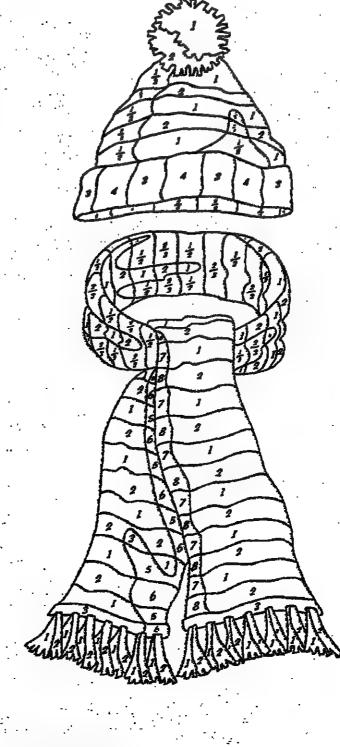
and some less so. But we shouldn't worry, we should think of only our own game. I don't think Italy will fail to qualify for the finals."

Maldini might have every reason to be confident should Italy be paired with Ireland, Hungary or perhaps even Belgium, who beat Wales 3-2 in Brussels on Saturday night. He might not feel so optimistic, however, should the Azzurri have to travel east. Croatia earned a reprieve by beating Slovenia 3-1, overtak ing Greece to take second place in group one, and the European championship quarter finalists should not be adcreatimuted.

Ukraine's 2-0 success in Armenia saw off Portugal in group nine and few will relish a journey to Kiev, which many travellers view, uncharitably, as the land that time forgot. Russia and Yugoslavia also have their economic difficulties and will pose awkward tests over the two legs, which are to be played on October 29 and November 15.

If Ireland are drawn at home in the second leg of their play-off, they will delay the match for 24 hours. They cannot play on November 15 as Lansdowne Road is being used for the rugby union international between Ireland

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HOTABLE ABSENTEES POLAND CZECH REPUBLIC SWITZERLAND ""

Kevin McCarra on the unequivocal backing that smoothed Scotland's safe passage to France

Rapport in a storm aids Brown's cause

SUPPORTERS of Scottish football often suspect that hands are intended to be wrung in agitation rather than joined in applause. The nature of their national team's qualification for the 1998 World Cup finals was therefore fitting, if agonising. A reservoir of alcohol was drained on Saturday night, but it will not have been sufficient to sluice away the memories of a fretful 2-0 victory over Latvia at Celtic Park.

Only in retrospect, when the video of the tie can be watched dispassionately, is it obvious that the visitors posed very little threat. At the match itself, anxiety arose from the discrepancy between the outlook of the audience and the attitude of the side that they hoped

A big crowd carries immense expectations. There were 47,613 excited people in the stands and if saltires were not waved aloft or printed on T-shirts, they were painted on faces. Nationalist fervour, although entirely good-humoured, was rampant and few were prepared to witness Scotland being circumspect. Nonetheless, the determination of the players to be cautious was a virtue rather than a character flaw.

Craig Brown, the Scotland manager, had anticipated that Latvia yould display a husky obstinacy. His own team was asked to be prudent, with Paul Lambert even detailed to mark Vladimirs Babicevs in midfield, and to ensure that the opposition did not



score. It was rightly assumed that Scotland would devise a goal of their own sooner or later.

The squad is schooled in such disciplines, but restraint is more difficult for a supporter to muster. First there was the wait for Scotland to find the net, which ended in the 43rd minute, when Kevin Gallacher headed home after Olegs Karavajevs, the Latvia goalkeeper, failed to hold a firm drive from John Collins. Then there was a long period of torment as the mind played tricks and it became easy to imagine a fluke equaliser that would rob Scotland of the victory they needed. Release from the mental labyrinth came only in the eightieth minute, when Gallacher's exquisite chip dropped from the crossbar, allowing Durie

to head a second goal. Gradually, however, a nation is finding it in its heart to love this

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take their place at the World Cup finals for the fifth time since 1974. a record that is bettered only by the leading nations who occasionally spare themselves the drudg-ery of qualification by entering the tournament as hosts or

Brown's side travels to France only as the best runners-up from the nine European groups, but inferiority will not be acknowledged since Austria, who finished above them, could only draw with Scotland in Vienna and lose in Glasgow. As status is maintained, it becomes easier to develop affection for the discipline and strategy that Scotland possess in

All five of the qualifying matches at home have been sell-outs and if the demented patriotism of the population that the World Cup was about to be won, has evaporated, the bond between a country and its team has still been renewed. Once the game against Latvia was over, fans could concede that Brown's approach had yet again been

Since the qualifying matches for Euro 96 began, his Scotland team have lost only three matches in the most important tournaments - to Greece, in Athens; to England, at Wembley; and to Sweden, in Gothenburg. As a tactician and a judge of footballers, Brown has brought extraordinary discrimination to his job. He has also found

WHELL MARKE



Gallacher cannot hide his elation after scoring the goal that put Scotland ahead against Latvia. Photograph: Owen Humphrys

men whose talents continue to be undervalued.

Gallacher, for example, has now scored six times in Scotland's past live fixtures, a sequence that even Ronaldo might covet. The Blackburn Rovers forward has, nonetheless, been able to prosper only

ness, another manager might have become disenchanted with a player who had produced only two goals in 28 appearances.

The Scotland attackers, however, are fortunate, finding the strain upon them relieved by a defence - with Colin Calderwood, Colin Hendry and Jim Leighton

clean-sheet in 16 of the past 19 matches in the principal tournaments. Add the expertise of Gary McAllister, Lambert and Collins in midfield and it becomes clear that Brown has quietly amassed substantial resources.

Few opponents are under any regarding Scotland's France to begin assessing possible accommodation, but he has also started to ponder the composition of the party that will accompany him there next summer. The hope that Scotland can advance beyond the opening stage of the World Cup finals for the first time has its

Carsley provides positive side to negative exercise

FROM RUSSELL KEMPSON IN DUBLIN

IT WAS one of the more earnest questions of a distinctly light-hearted press confer-ence. "Why." the Romanian journalist asked, "was the game not shown live on television back home?" Anghel Romania coach, smiled amid the general laughter. "I do not know," he replied, trying, yet failing, to show respect for the sincerity of the inquiry. "We are very sorry it was not transmitted."

The good citizens of Bucha-rest and beyond did not miss much. Ireland and Romania turned up at Lansdowne Road on Saturday, in front of 31,000 hardy Irish souls, and at least concluded their programmes in group eight of the European qualifying series for the 1998

World Cup.
Gheorghe Hagi scored his
32nd goal in 107 internationals
for Romania and Tony
Cascarino registered his nineteenth in 74 for Ireland — one short of Frank Stapleton's record. Everybody got cold and wet in the monsoon conditions; everybody enjoyed an essentially futile exercise; everybody went home happy. The phoney war ended without casualties.

It was always going to be so.
Romania arrived in Dublin
with a 100 per cent record from
nine matches and had long since won the group. Ireland, need to rest key players for fear

runners-up.

"It was a nothing match," Mick McCarthy, the Ireland manager, conceded. Motivation was difficult in the circumstances, for both sets of players, but I felt we did quite well and it was a fair result." Romania will go on and

perhaps prosper in France, if their collectively ageing limbs can cope with the frenetic offs beckon and much will depend on how kind the draw is in Zurich this afternoon.

McCarthy, though, should be encouraged. Romania may have played with an air of almost casual indifference, yet his mix and match selection covered themselves in credit. Only three players started from the side that had beaten Lithuania 2-1, effectively securing the play-off place, in Vilnius last month. No Given, Keane, Staunton, Townsend, Cunningham, Harte, Gary Kelly, Irwin or Connolly. Sev-

McCarthy: options

of suspensions; had as good en of McCarthy's chosen ll can barely hold down regular places in their club sides. Houghton captained his country for the first time in 71 matches and Carsley, the Derby County midfield player. made his debut. Strange bedfellows they might have been,

> to McCarthy that he had not previously considered. Carsley attracted most at-mion. He began nervously, poor of touch and unsure of his exact role, but finished strongly. He never hid or surrendered, even when the ball kept squirming embar-rassingly from his possession on the greasy surface, and he

but they competed vigorously

and revealed possible options

has energy to burn. Hagi, 32, cannot have much gas left in the tank, but there is still venom in his left foot, as he demonstrated when swerving a 35-yard free kick past Alan Kelly in the 54th minute. Ireland deservedly equal-ised six minutes from the end.

Kennedy's corner was headed on by Babb, then Breen before Cascarino stooped to nod past Stelea from close range.

Giggs expresses hope for Wales's future

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

RYAN GIGGS, the acting Wales captain here on Saturday, believes that the young players from his country can help him to realise his dream of playing in the World Cup-finals. The Manchester United winger is convinced that, despite their defeat here in group seven, better things lie ahead.

Giggs himself led from the front with a superlative performance as Wales came back from 3-0 down to give the home team, second in the group and thus into the playoffs. a real fright. Wales had been expected to roll over nicely for Belgium, giving them a pleasant confidence

It was Giggs's first game as captain of Wales and no one could have done more for the cause. He scored one goal, was brought down for a penalty and might well have. had two more penalties given for fouls against him.

the younger players coming through for Wales, I feel confident that they can be-come a team good enough to qualify for the finals of either the next World Cup or European championship." Giggs said. It is nearly 40 years since Wales qualified for the World Cup finals — in Sweden in 1958 — but Giggs was optimis-

tic despite this defeat.

"We will always score goals," he said. "We have scored six in our last two away games in Turkey and Bel-gium. There is real hope for the future now.

"We have to be optimistic. Being a Welshman, I have to feel that way. I believe the players we have in the squad at the moment and some of the youngsters coming through from the under-21s can only get better."

Hamilton will put his country first

BRYAN HAMILTON said yesterday that he will only accept a new contract as manager of Northern Ireland if it is "right" for the team. His contract, signed in 1994, expires next summer and he is to open talks with the Irish Football Association about a new deal.

"I must weigh up and assess whether I can affect the : progress of Northern Ireland football, which is of the utmost importance to me," he said. "I am sure whatever happens it will be in Northern Ireland's best interests. That must be the overriding concern - not

Bryan Hamilton."
Northern Ireland completed
their World Cup qualifying group nine campaign with a 1-0 defeat in Portugal. Sergio Conceicao scored the only goal after 17 minutes in the Stadium of Light in Benfica to leave Northern Ireland with just one win and seven points from their ten matches.

PORTUGAL: Savino: P Santoa, Heider, Cosarro, F Couto, P Souta, Figo, J Pinto, Pauleta (sub: Candeta, 63min), 8 Concelceo (sub: Deni, 79), Dimas.
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FOOTBALL

Marsden's first goal sees off his old club

Birmingham City Wolverhampton W0

BY DAVID POWELL

TWO clubs who feel that they should be opposing each other In the FA Carling Premiership and have spent with the top llight in mind, had their West Midlands derby settled by a single goal yesterday. It was scored by Chris Marsden, a former Wolverhampton Wan-derer, making his debut for Birmingham City.

An exquisite seventh-minute shot by Marsden, a £500,000 buy from Stockport County, ended Birmingham's lean spell after they had scored only once and taken one point rom their previous four Naionwide League first division matches. Now they are back up to sixth place and rejuve-nated for their Coca-Cola Cup tle with Arsenal at Highbury

Marsden made the most of his good fortune when an intended pass came back to him off the legs of Mark Atkins and he struck from 12 yards past the helpless Mike Stowell, the Wolves goal-

How sweet the moment was for Marsden. At Wolverhampton, he was not rated by Graham Taylor, then the hanager. "I had a frustrating ten months and when I left there with a broken leg, hav-ing played in only a handful of Rames, it was the lowest point of my career."

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Both teams fielded a man called abroad for World Cup duty last week, although neither played. Jon McCarthy, Birmingham's right-sided midfield player, returned only yesterday morning from Northern Ireland's 1-0 defeat in Portugal. Adrian Williams, the Wolverhampton defender. went to Belgium with Wales, but the Achilles tendon injury he took with him let him down he flew back.

Shortly after the half-hour. Williams was probably regretas Furlong. Birmingham's central striker, turned him this way and that to work an opening. How relieved Wil-liams looked when Furlang blasted his shot high and

Within seconds. Ferguson had slipped a pass through to Bull, who was beaten narrowly to the ball by Bermett, the Birmingham goalkeeper: Immediately, at the other end of the pitch, Stowell was required to make a sprawling save from Purlong's low shot. Bull, needing three more goals to reach 300 for Wolves, wasted a chance after 28 minutes and two more in the second half.

Mark McGhee has speni over £5 million in 25 years as manager at Wolverhampton. He failed last season to satisfy demand when his team missed out on promotion, losing to Crystal Palace in the play-off semi-finals. With this season well into gear, they seem des-

tined to under achieve again. Even before a story appeared in a Sunday tabloid yesterday, suggesting that Sir Jack Hay-ward, the club president and benefactor, had met Ron Atkinson and was lining him up to replace McGhee, Bull had been highlighting the manager's

The pressure is on because we are mid-table." Bull had said. "That is not good enough and that is why the gaffer is under threat." Before kick-off, Sir Jack issued a statement saying he wished "to make it. bsolutely clear that I have not had any contact whatsoever with Ron Arkinson regarding the position of manager".

hampton's record away from home — 12 victories — that took them into the play-offs. However, this season they have lost four and won only one of six away matches.

Last season, it was Woiver-



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Marsden celebrates his match-winning goal on his debut for Birmingham City in the Midlands derby at St Andrew's yesterday

more for their money

Swindon Town Bury .

By Kerth Pike

HERE was proof that the FA Carling Premiership does not have the exclusive rights to entertainment or a monopoly on skill: a see-saw encounter in skiddy, treacherous conditions, deservedly won by Swindon Town but not before Bury had summoned their renowned battling qualities to turn a potential rout into a contest - and all achieved without the pre-match hype, half-time dancing girls and moronic.
Disturned public address announcers who seem determined to incite hostility at so many of the posher grounds. On a different level, the County

Ground on Saturday offered further evidence of football's capacity to turn despair into delight, and vice versa. Just four years ago this weekend, as England were failing to do in Rotterdam what they managed in Rome, Swindon, having just visited Old Trafford and with a trip to White Hart Lane looming, were preparing to wel-come Everton. Bury? Driving back from Doncaster Rovers, where victory pice marked Yauxhall Conference. A player sold here, a debt cleared there and, after successive promotions, here

fortably before they were

forced on to the back foot

towards the end of the game.

and Sigurdsson headed to

safety a series of crosses from

Ainsworth as Vale surged

forward. Sigurdsson, an abra-

sive customer, had flown back

from international duty in Iceland on Saturday night as

the only passenger on a pri-

Matches between such geographically close rivals tend to

be memorable or stultifying.

The tone is invariably set by

the opening exchanges and, by

taking the lead in the third

minute. Stoke ensured an en-

Kavanagh threaded a pass inside Tankard to Keen, whose

accurate cross was headed

powerfully beyond Mussel-

white by Forsyth. On the

quarter-hour, Forsyth should

have scored again, but shot

into the side-netting instead,

Vale equalised in the 21st minute, when a glancing head-er by Naylor looped over

ager, felt his side deserved

their filth win in six matches.

"We were a bit apprehensive

about playing in the new-stadium at first, but I think we

have settled down now," he

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tertaining afternoon.

vately-chartered aeroplane.

Amid great tension, Tweed

do not have a striker with a point to

prove and the ability to prove it.

After being limited to 25 appearances in four seasons with Celtic, where his uncle; David, was captain and then manager, Chris Hay needed no persuasion to move into the Nationwide League first division this summer. Steve McMahon's £330,000 investment has so far been rewarded with eight goals from the Scot and second place in the table. Here, his team made Hay while the rain fell.

Distinctly uncomfortable in front of the microphones and clearly embarrassed that his manager has compared him to lan Rush, Hay has no need to worry about talking a good game for now. A hat-trick against Port Vale last week was followed by two goals in the opening 13 minutes against Bury - a fine finish from an angle and a tap-in - which forced Stan Ternent, the Bury manager, into a hasty double substitu-tion and team reshuffle.

Bury achieved parity, if not authority, and pulled one back through Battersby, only for Gooden to settle Swindon's nerves with the goal of the game in the 76th minute. It was good stuff. SWELDON TOWN (3-6-2: F Diety — A McDoneld (Mc; C Casper, 33min), L Colles, C Taylor — M Wallers muor, C Casper, Sorrini, L Collins, C Taylor — M McDonnik, Indir. J Diyschele, 621, B Bonows, K Wasson, S Leitoh, T Gooderi — C Hey, W Allson, S Leitoh, T BLRY (3-5-2); D Kely — C Luchetta, P Swen, P Buller — N Dawe (sub: A Woodward, 65, A Geny, I Hughes (sub: J Peale, 20), L Johnsone (sub: A Rigby, 20), S Morgan — A Settlersby, D Johnson.

Hay gives Swindon two Reading ready to leave their past far behind

Reading. Crewe Alexandra

IN PETER ROBINSON

THE two of them trudged up Wantage Road, debating great away trips of the past. "Northampton Town was my first," one said. "We won 1-0, I think." "Lincoln City, funny place," came the reply. "Seemed like the end of the world ..." It is a past that Reading are determined to leave far, far behind.

From next season, they will play in a £37 million, 25,000-seat stadium a stone's throw from the M4. There will be a conference centre, a hanqueting suite and, wait for it, the country's second-biggest car park. It will be a stadium fit for the 21st century.

In Reading. Reading? On Saturday, huddled against the rain, the whole thing sounded faintly ludicrous. This was Elm Park, in its 102nd year, with 6,685 soggy souls, most of them standing, barely 100 from Crewe, watching two teams paddling in puddles. Those 6,685 would be lost in a 25,000-seatstadium. They and it would look silly."

Still, if they can take games like Saturday's with them, they and the club in barely half an hour, Reading fought back to 3-2 at half-time, then 3-3, could have scored more and should have con-

waste a three-goal lead, said he had fun.

Those goals: Westwood stole the first after 12 minutes. Little punished a defensive blunder for the second after 18. Adebola scored the third with a powerful run and shot. Back came Reading. Asaba made it 3-1, then, just before halftime, Bernal had a shot cleared off the line. No matter - Westwood scored an own goal, turning in a cross by the excellent Meaker. Before the hour was up, Asaba headed the equaliser. Phew. Next, Wdowczyk climbed all over Rivers, obvious penalty, not given, and finally ... Smith must score! Peter Smith, that is, but he dithered and McPherson denied him.

John Madejski enjoyed the game, too. This was evidence of the team spirit of which the Reading chairman is justly proud, as he is of the promising future. We are aiming for the stars, you have to. We want to play in the Premiership." And in the Madejski Stadium, no less. "I know, I know, it's not my idea. I do feel a bit embarrassed about it." But then if you are guaranteeing ElD.6 million of the cost of the new ground from your own pocket, you probably deserve every accolade going. READING (4+2). S Masone — A Bernal, K McPreson, I. Prinus (sub. D. Wolowczyk, 6fmin), S. Swales — M. Meeker, P. Parkinson, D. Coekey (sub: B. Clasgow, 80), J. Lembert — M. Williams, C. Astriba. CREWE ALEXANDRA (44-2): J. Kearton — M. Bronot, A. Wisskrood, I. Unswordt, S. Smith — C. Little, K. Lunt, P. Chemook, M. Rivers — D. Adebole (sub: P. Smith, 56; sub: K. Street, 68), S. Antimobus. Reviews, S. Sylvies.

Revolution by stealth remains the Wilkins watchword

Fulham, Blackpool

By MATT DICKINSON

NO DAREDEVIL as a player, Ray Wilkins is leading a typically cautious revolution at Craven Cottage. In fact, were it not for the sight of Wilkins and Kevin Keegan exhorting from the dug-out, you could be forgiven for thinking that nothing was stirring at all by the banks of

the Thames.
"Together we can push the limits to endless bounds," Mohamed Al Fayed, the dub owner, declared in his programme address, but the inabitants of SW6 may take a little more convincing. Fewer than 70 have rushed to buy season tickets since the Egyptian businessman lured Keegan to the Nationwide League second division club.

For all the ambition, there is still something of a timewarp about the place, with its wooden stand and quaint cottage. Listed status means that they are just about the only things whose future is guaranteed.

On the pitch, too, Wilkins has resisted the temptation for instant changes. Paul Bracewell, signed from Sunderland for £75,000 last week, made his debut as captain on Satur-day, but the manager has persevered with the same formation and largely the same team left him by Micky Adams, his predecess

That proved a great frustration to one local journalist, who rattled off a list of rumoured transfer targets to the new manager, ranging from Beardsley to Del Piero. Wilkins, however, is standing by his promise to give the squad six weeks to impress and, on the evidence so far. they should be good enough

to challenge for promotion.

They had little trouble defeating a mediocre Blackpool side on Saturday. Fulham took the lead after 34 minutes. when Mike Conroy swept home the simplest of finishes. and kept it.

FULHAM (5-3-2). M Watton — N Smith (sub-R Scott, 35min), D Curlip, M Blake, M Lawrence, R Henres — R Carpenter, P Bracewell, S Hayward — P Moody (sub-N

BLACKPOOL (4-4-2): 8 Bents -- M Bryen. J Lydiste, D Linighen, N Worthington -- J Qurin, M Metion, M Bonner, L Philipoti (sub P Clarkson, 63) -- A Elis, A Preece

Kavanagh regains composure to give Stoke upper hand

THE first "derby" game staged at the Britannia Stadium was contested as passionately as any at the old Victoria Ground. It will be debated fiercely in the taverns of Burslem for weeks to come, too. Stoke City emerged as victors and should have addd to their two first-half goals. but Port Vale could feel ag-grieved at two crucial decisions that went against them.

Kavanagh deserved to be sent off for a grotesque, two-footed challenge on Aspin in the seventeenth minute. He was shown a yellow card

dled on the goalline, only for Clive Wilkes, the referee to miss the infringement.



instead and proceeded to exert an enormous influence on the game. Then, a minute before half-time, Tweed clearly han-

EVERYBODY apart from Sammy Mcliroy wanted to leave Meadow Lane. "Some of us have a game to watch tonight," the driver of the team coach said, imploring the Macclesfield Town manager to end his al fresco press conference. "It is only Eng-land," McIlroy replied with a grin. Why do you think I am

He was beginning to ex-plain his delight at a thoughtful, creditable performance, disappointment that it had yielded just a single point and relief that nobody had picked up an injury. With good fortune on the fitness front, he might be celebrating an even bigger achievement next May than promotion last season from the Vauxhall Conference. Certainly if Notts County, in third place, are considered among the better sides in the Nationwide

For their part, Stoke were

able to point to television replays suggesting that a header by Forsyth had crossed the line before Musselwhite scooped it away in the second half. Yet they also squandered enough chances to win com-



Macclesfield set sights on further successes

Macclesfield Town1

By RICHARD HOBSON

raking my time?"

League third division, then there is not much to beat.

bovine predictability. But for Ward, the County goalkeeper, Macclesfield would have secured their first. away win of the season. He

Howarth and then denied Askey from close range. Price hardly matched that in allowing a Richardson shot

HOTTS COUNTY (44-2): D Ward — I Hendon, G Stodder, M Redriste, D Pearon — S Deny (sub: S Finnan, Garrin), I: Pachardson, I Berackogh, P. Orto — C Dudley (sub: S Pares), 96), G Jones (sub: J Jackson 82).

The League's oldest club were quite awful on Saturday. Kavanagh, who ran unchall enged for fully 50 yards before In contrast to the short, neat delivering a fine pass into the passing and purposeful movepath of Keen, who side-footed ment of the visitors, they hoofed the ball forward with the ball into the far corner from 12 yards. If the deceptive autumnal nip in the air did not cause hairs to stand on end, then

some of the full-blooded challenges certainly did. tipped over a shot from Whit-As Vale pressed, a header by taker, blocked a firm effort by Ainsworth was scrambled away by Muggleton and his shot from the resulting corner was cleared off the line. Chic Bates, the Stoke man-

to pass between his legs after 43 minutes. Macclesfield held their shape, though, and gained due reward in the 74th minute when Wood met Askey's cross at full stretch from 12 yards.

MACCLESFELD TOWN (4-4-2): FI Price— D Tirson, E Sodie; N. Howarth, C Eday — N Sorrel, Sweed, M Cooper, S. Whitaker — J. Askey, P. Power

Fox finds relief in a squeeze

Exeter City .

Swansee City

BY DAVID POWILL

ON CARNIVAL day in Exeter, the city's football club gave the celebrations extra zing. From being near the back of the Nationwide League third division parade last season, Exeter are now close to the front. Paul Birch's goal elevated the chib into second place. Last season, Exeter avoid-

ed relegation to the Vauxhall Conference by one point. For Peter Fox, the manager, the worst has passed and, for one so long held in a financial strangle hold, he is finding a squeeze a relief.

When he purchased Steve Plack for £10,000 13 months ago, it was Exeter's first boy for 31 months. Mark Devlin, on loan

Muggleton, but Stoke were ahead again 12 minutes later. from Stoke City, was the latest new face on show on Ray Wallace won an impor-Saturday. "We are not the richest club, but the chairtant tackle midway inside his own half before finding man has backed me again by bringing Deviin in," For Swansea were fortunate

not to lose by more. Roger Freestone, in goal, if way-ward in his kicking, was dependable in his shot-stopping, but Birch's venomous drive after 31 minutes was Micky Adams, unwanted

by the new Fulham, declined to be a hanging judge after one match as Swansea manager. He indicated, however, that experienced players would be brought in to shore up a young team. "I know from my experience at Fulham that young

States do not get you promotion," Adams said.

EXETER CITY (1-43): A Bujen — J

Richardson, S Buddeley, N Blade — C

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SWANSEA CITY (4-42: R Praestone—

J Price, K Waller, C Edwards, P Agree

— D Lacey (sub: G Jones, S7), S

Chespie, J Coules (sub: R Applaty, 55), R

Canny — A Bird, S Waller (sub: J

Homis, 60).

sides do not get you promo-

Waddle's critics hunger for diet of substance over style Waddle's team play in his

Burnley . Carlisle United . BY DAVID MADDOCK

THE figure huddled inside an oversize coat and heavy tweed hat suddenly halted, "It's supposed to be a meat pie." he rasped, a strange, dull object placed before his face, "but there's no bloody meat." The last of the Burnley supporters had left Turf Moor for home. Some, hardy souls, were even prepared to run the risk of the hot counter at the corner shop. Perhans their club's first league win of the season had jumbled their serves.

Not to the extent of being gracious towards Chris Waddle, the club's new manager, though. The locals are no more convinced by Waddle than by the pies. His record

image and it brought a pleasing enough victory on Saturday over a Carlisle United side short on direction, thanks to a chairman — Michael Knighton — who believes he does not need a manager and

so runs the team himself. Yet the Nationwide League second division is not necessarily the best place for pleasing theory. It is certainly not the best place for a new manager who still has all the air of a man used to the glamour of the top-flight professional. Waddle is aloof and wary of the media in equal mealines.

scorer. Paul Barnes, the man-

ager was "pleased for the lad, Lancashire.

The local press who have to deal with him on a daily basis complain that he rarely takes their calls and comes to the press room hours after the final whistle. "I'll bet he doesn't hang around until

finally recorded. Sure enough, there he was, addressing the arnused gathering at 5.15pm. He did not have much to say though. The first goal was "well worked" and, of the

he's had a barren spell". Creancy, who scored the other two goals, had "done well". Burnley were too good for a Carlisle team who desperately need a manager, but they are still bottom and their own manager is not exactly the most popular man

BURNLEY (4-4-2): M Berestord -- C Bras. seurriley (4-4-2) M Berestord — C Britas, M Winstanley, N Moore, C Virricombe — C Waddle (sub P Weller, 82mm), G Harrson, M Ford, D Eyes — G Creaney (sub A Cooke, 85), P Barrise, CARLISLE UNITED (4-3-1-2) A Caig — R Bourrian, W Varty S Pounewalchy, O Archdescop — R Pokas, B Barr, A Coucers — W Aspirali — G McAlindon (sub 1 Storyers, 75), M Jarrsen, Passing A Win-

after six o'clock tonight Rocastle rises from ashes

Scarborough ...

BY BILL EDGAR

DAVID ROCASTLE'S foothalling re-emergence at the country's 91st-ranked club --coming as it did on a day when three of his old Arsenal chums were hailed as England heroes - continued his education at the school of hard knocks.

Hours before David Seaman, Tony Adams and Ian Wright helped to secure England's place in the World Cup finals, their one-time fellow pupil at George Graham's Highbury academy was to be found at Boothferry Park securing valuable points for lowly Hull City in the Nationwide League third

division. Since his expulsion by Graham in 1992. Rocastle - the youngest of the quartet at 30 - has failed to add to his 14 international caps. Glenn Hoddle took him to Chelsea after brief spells at Leeds United and Manchester City he excelled at the latter —

but Ruud Gullit's arrival at difficult time. A few eyebrows Stamford Bridge sent his career nosediving

Overlooked and forgotten, Rocastle became so disheartened that he jumped at the chance to join Hull for a fiveweek loan period, which he began on Saturday with a fine performance and a goal in the win over Scarborough. When Rund Gullit took

over from Glenn Hoddle, he told me I didn't figure in his plans before he'd even seen me play and without saying why." Rocastle, a championship winner with Arsenal in 1989 and 1991, said. "It's been a very

Rocastle: inspired Hull

were raised when people heard I was coming to Hull. They thought there was something wrong with me. But it's a breath of fresh air after ten months of football in the Mark Hateley, the Hull

player-manager, did his best to make the Londoner feel at home, fielding Ian Wright in defence and giving the captaincy to Gregor Rioch, son of the former Arsenal manager. Bruce. Kevin Gage set up early goals for Richard Peacock and Rocastle, Michael Quigley adding a third in the 64th minute.

Hull had lost a three-goal lead at home to Torquay United the week before, but this time they withstood a second-half onslaught by their local rivals to gain confidence for the Coca-Cola Cup trip to Newcastle on Wednesday.

HULL CITY (3-5-2) S Wilson — M Hocking, M Greaves, 1 Wright (sub: M Dulgley, Bunn) — K Gage, W Joyce, D Rocastle, G Roch, P Fewngs — R Peacock (sub: M Hatley, 55), C Bettney SCARBOROUGH (4-5-1) K Marin — J Kay, M McElhatton (sub: J Mitchell, 46), P Allura, C Suthertand (sub: N Campbell, 46), — J. Robusan (sub: C Fae, 66), G Bennott, T Bennett, I Snodin, G Williams — S Brodie

Tiverton extend cup run

Dorchester Town Therton Town

By WALTER GAMMIE

ONE by one, Tiverton Town have picked off Dorset's finest in the FA Cup. First Wey-mouth, then Wimborne Town by a hefty II-I - and now Dorchester Town in a thirdqualifying round tie at the

splendid Avenue Stadium. The Screwfix Direct Western League champions are big fish in a small pond, itching to go one better after defeats by Aldershot, Barnet and Leyton Orient in the first round in the past seven seasons. Nonetheless, Dorchester.

starting the day fifth in the Dr Martens League premier division and unbeaten at home, expected better. Stuart Morgan, their manager for four years, has clearly weathered the upheaval caused by a £50,000 loss made last season. He sold Craig Taylor to Swindon Town for £25,000,

Owen Pickard to Yeovil Town for £15,000 and accepted a cut to his budget. Injuries to Neil Coates and Ryan Cross had disrupted his defence, but he offered no excuses. "All credit to Tiverton," he said. "They outplayed us in every department."

High among Tiverton's as-sets is Phil Everett, who scored the match's lone goal in the 43rd minute. Having supplied a cross from the left touchline and seen Varley fluff an attempted volley but recover to twice have shots blocked, Everett arrived to finish the job with a flourish of a distinctive red boot.

Variey and Daly wasted chances to finish off the tie, but the defence never wavered as Tiverton made it II wins out of 11 - to the delight of their supporters, who doubled Dorchester's crowd to 1,171.

DORCHESTER TOWN (3-5-2): K Maloy — R O'Bren A Hams, T Redwood — M Sulfivan, S Richerdson, C Myers, D Lovel (sub. E Laight, S7mm), M Lisk — T Killick, M TIMERTON TOWN (3-6-2) P Edwards — , Smith, P Taneston, N Saunders — S Hynds, S Day, P Conning, K Nancekivek, D Leonard — P Varley (cuts G Waters, 84), P Everosi

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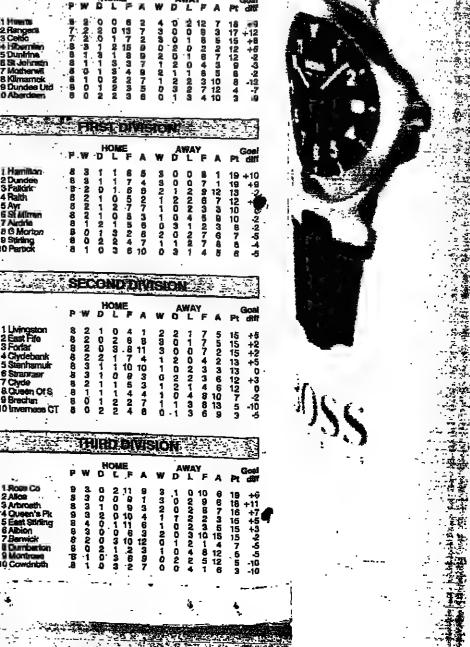
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Irvine sacrifices maiden victory to put Italian team in sight of first drivers' title for 18 years

Schumacher pushes Ferrari to the brink

IN SUZUKA

WHEN the credits rolled on the latest instalment of sport's most lavish soap opera yesterday after-noon, Michael Schumacher was poised to become Ferrari's first world champion for a generation. The script for the Japanese Grand Prix matched nobility with stupidity and complemented low cunning with high ideals.

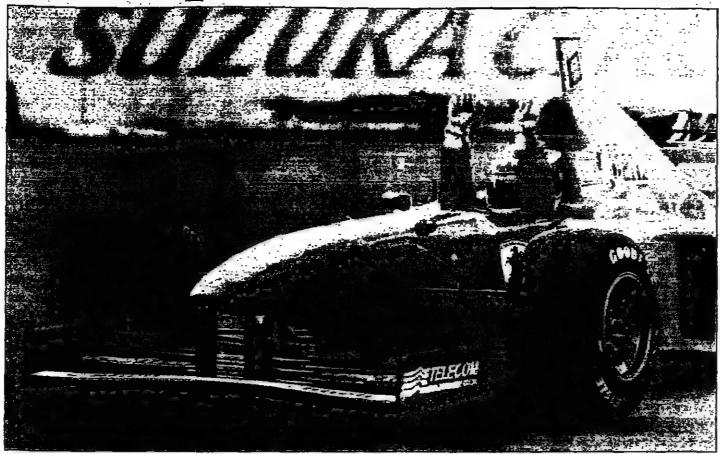
Victory nominally leaves Schumacher a point behind Jacques Villeneuve entering the final race in Jerez on October 26, but anyone who believes that the Canadian will keep the two points he won by finishing fifth at Suzuka is suffer-ing from severe delusions. The FIA. motor sport's global governing body, has never before tolerated the of appeal that allowed Villeneuve to race under protest in Japan and is likely to impose a swingeing fine, when it meets in Paris later this week, to deter any challenge to its authority.

Formula One prides itself on its ability to exaggerate the emotions, its capacity to employ millionaire drivers in a rough-and-ready morality play that caters for television's millions in a digitalised age. Jerez and a direct head-to-head between the contrasting characters of Schumacher and Villeneuve is the stuff of a marketing executive's

It was set up perfectly yesterday by what Schumacher regarded as the most satisfying of his 27 wins. It enshrined the rare selflessness of Eddie Irvine, who sacrificed the first victory of his career for his-Ferrari team-mate, and the all-toofamiliar failings of Villeneuve, who has cause to rue his status as the sport's enfant terrible.

There was a poignant futility about his efforts from the moment, on Saturday morning, that he ignored a yellow flag, warning of a stricken Tyrrell parked on the grass alongside the main straight. It was his fourth such offence of the season and though an appeal against disqualification enabled him to take pole position, he looked nervous and ill-at-ease.

The start was a study in the limitations of aggression. Ville-



Schumacher has two hands in the air and one on the championship after winning in Suzuka. Photograph: Clive Mason / Allsport

neuve threw his Williams Renault to his right, to block Schumacher, and then veered sharply left in response to the German's secondary attempt to have a free run at the first corner. As livine told his colleague, with a gentle chuckler. He tried to put you in the grandstand.

Schumacher was not exactly sanguine - "it was not the correct thing to do and could have been very dangerous" — but he had conditioned himself to guerilla tactics. He and Irvine had planned their strategy in the morning, when the irishman pledged to put to collective use the experience gained during three years of racing in Formula 3000 in Japan

the Canadian gambled by slowing deliberately, to expose Schumacher

Irvine made his initial move on the second lap, overtaking Mika Hakkinen and Schumacher on the outside. A lap later, he passed Villeneuve under braking on entry to the final chicane. He was soon

more than 12 seconds in the lead, as

to the chasing pack. The threat was more subtle, but no less deadly. Villeneuve brake-tested his rival twice and veered on the edge of acceptable conduct when he emerged from his pit stop at the end of the twentieth lap. Schumacher, accelerating to 190mph towards the end of the main straight, suddenly found the

"It was quite criticial, because Jacques came across the road and tried to close the door," Schumacher said. 'There could

Williams in his path.

have been a severe accident, but I managed to dive inside him."

The race was effectively over as a contest from that moment, which left Villeneuve vulnerable to brilliantly-executed Perrari teamwork. He had problems with his fuel supply during his second pitstop and fell to fifth, where he was consumed by the cumulative frustrations of a traumatic weekend.

Irvine, to use his own emression. was "waiting for the phone to ring" so that he could allow Schumscher to take the lead. It was a strangely symbolic gesture, an eloquent answer to those critics who had been agitating for his replacement by

Villeneuve, however, was singularly unimpressed. "I find it diffi-

cult to accept that a driver can give up his first victory, but if he's ready to do that, fine," he said. "It was frustrating to race anyway, knowing that there was a good chance of being disqualified.

Schumacher, as expected, was rather more enthusiastic. "It is thanks to him that I have this victory," he said. "I have always said he is a great driver and a great team-mate. He threw away a chance of winning and I'm grateful." Irvine, who at least had the grace to appear embarrassed by his arguese, argued: "It's fair to support Michael. I'm sure he'll return

with relative ease. His cushion over the persistent Heinz-Harald

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earned Williams the consolation prize of the constructors' championship, was reduced to 1.4sec only by the unwelcome attentions of twelfth-placed Damon Hill, who blocked him several times on the penultimate lap.

Hill was amused by his impact, claiming, with a wide smile: "I was trying to make room for him, but he didn't want to go for it." Schu-macher, predictably, had a sense-of-humour failure, "I'm going to see him," he promised. "If he thinks he was leaving me room, he needs to check on the size of a Formula

Nobody at Ferrari needs to check on their last world champion, Jody Scheckter in 1979. That is an eternity in Formula One terms, but the waiting may soon be over.

Head adds to fears of Villeneuve

FROM MICHAEL CALVIN

THE mutual suspicion that threat ens to reduce the Formula One world championship to the lowest common denominator of personal abuse deepened last night, when the sportsmanship of Michael Schumacher was openly questioned by Patrick Head, the technical director of the Williams team.

Head broke a self-imposed silence to accuse Schumacher of eliberately running into Damon Hill at the 1994 Australian Grand Prix, which enabled the German to claim the first of his two drivers' titles. His apparent purpose, to raise the prospect of an identical incident at the final race of this season, in Jerez in 13 days, will inevitably cause offence.

Schumacher was a single point ahead of Hill three years ago and Head accepts that a similar scenario is likely after the hearing this week into how Jacques Villeneuve, after his disqualification from the Japanese Grand Prix, was allowed

"The man who goes into the last race in the lead is in a position where he can be very aggressive with the person behind," he said. 'I believe that happened to Damon in 1994. I believe that was a deliberate removal of a competitor. The man who goes into the last race with less points has to be very

careful challenging for the lead."

Villeneuve added weight to the implication by adding: "If I am a point behind, all Michael or Irvine have to do is take me off and the championship is lost." That compelled Irvine to deny any mali-cious intent. There's no way I'd have him off deliberately," he said, but if he wants to be stupid in a 50-50 situation, I won't give way."

The hype will intensify in the build-up to the European Grand Prix, where Villeneuve seems likely to paint himself as a victim of authority. "OK, Formula One is a business," he said, "but, as a driver, you are in it for the sport. When the stakes are so high, it can be difficult to accept."

BOXING: EUBANK DISCOVERS PUNCHING POWER OF OUTSTANDING WELSH SUPER-MIDDLEWEIGHT AS HAMED CRUISES TO EASY VICTORY OVER No 1 CONTENDER



Hamed: clear winner

Calzaghe offers credentials to be undisputed champion

beaten 25-year-old, from New-bridge, Gwent, had always promised much but had never been able to convince experts that be could live up to his claim of being the best super-middleweight in the world.

However, after outpointing Chris Enbank and lifting the World Boxing Organisation (WBO) title on Saturday, he left his critics in no doubt that he is potentially capable of being the undisputed world champion, possibly the first from Great Britain

top. His performance was so impressive that not only did it overshadow that of Naseem Hamed, who was heading the bill at Sheffield Arena, defending his WBO featherweight champion-ship against José Badillo, of Puesto Rico, but, immediately after Calzaghe's bout, Frank Warren, the promoter, added him to his promotion in Madison Square Garden in December, where Hamed will once again head the card, most probably against Kevin Kelley, of New York.

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Steve Collins must have known something I didn't know."

Later, rubbing his swollen face, about is banging somebody out. I ly different, yet the Welshman not only outpointed Eubank by huge margins of up to eight rounds on three judges' cards, but beat him up as well, a feat that nobody had been able to achieve in the 12 years that Eubank has been boxing. Calraghe also became the first

> first round and the tenth. Admittedly, Eubank is not the fighter that he used to be, but he fought fiercely all the way, standing toe-to-toe for several rounds. It was not surprising, therefore, that

man to floor, Eubank twice, in the

he praised Calzaghe. "When he knocked me down in the first, it was a very hard punch," Eubank said, "He is determined, strong and an exceptional fighter. I think he will prove that fact. If he couldn't fight, he would not have been able to hurt me as he did." Calzaghe said: "If it was my second or third defence, I would

have stopped him. I was lacking in experience, but there's more to Eubank is likely to carry on as a

light-heavyweight. "I'm not happy

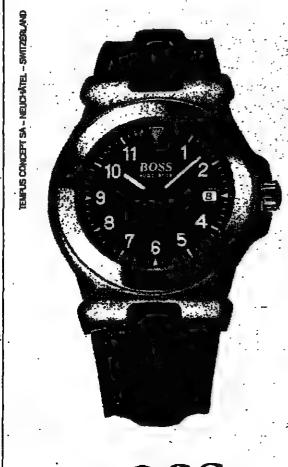
my fighting capacity."
Hamed's bout was a one-sided

affair from the first round against a brave but limited No I contender. Badillo was unable to land a clean punch on the elusive champion. Hamed stopped him in the seventh round, after punishing him severely, round after round, with spearing jabs that came up from below like uppercuts. It was a good, well-controlled performance that sent the 13,000 crowd

into raptures. Later, claiming that neither Willie Pep nor Sandy Sadler don't care who it is or where it

Kelley, who was at ringside, was

eager to be Hamed's next opponent. Now 30 and well past his best, which was in the days when Paul Hodkinson, of Liverpool, was at his feet, he said he was not particularly intimidated by Hamed's performance. "Styles make fights," he said. "I have the style to beat him. Remember Michael Moorer against George Foreman, One punch and it could be over. No man is invincible."



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BASKETBALL

point to problem

By NICHOLAS HARLING

IF BIRMINGHAM Bullets are to capture the Budweiser League championship for the first time, they will win it without concern for their coach's health. It has been by narrow, nervous margins of three points, two, two, ten and four points that Mike Finger has seen his unbeaten squad win their five games this

The last success, by 78-74 at Worthing Bears on Saturday, came after the Bullets had reeled off the last nine points. Only when Tony Dorsey deposited a jump shot with 2min 17sec left, taking his tally to 27 points, did they go ahead. They can't continue to play that poorly and put that much pressure on themselves and expect to win too many big games," Finger said."
Worthing had controlled the

game, leading by 13 points in the third quarter, thanks chiefly to Ryan Williams, who scored 28 points. Chris Haslam and HL Coleman shared 29 points for

the Bullets. Haslam is Eng-

lish and the national squad

could do with him for next

month's European championship qualifiers. Crystal Palace's 90-86 vice tory over Derby Storm left Watford Royals as the only club without a win. Neither do they have a coach. In the absence of Dana Besczczynski, who he dismissed last week, the Royals' owner, Vince Macanlay-Razaq, took over for the 84-56 defeat by

Manchester Giants.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Finger can | Crutchley's goals help Cannock to set pace

CANNOCK and Hounslow are the only teams with 100 per cent records after three rounds of matches in men's hockey's National League (Sydney Friskin writes). Crutchley scored twice for Cannock in the 8-1 defeat of Doncaster yesterday to

twice for Cannock in the 8-1 defeat of Doncaster yesterday to add to his three goals on Saturday against Beeston.

Hourslow scrambled to a 2-1 home win yesterday against East Grinstead — Hannah scoring the decisive goal in the 56th minute — after thrashing Teddington 6-1 on Saturday. Yesterday. Teddington went down 7-2 at Trent Park to Southgate, who remain unbeaten. Reading, the title-holders, are in seventh place after a draw against Old Looghtonians.

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Price finds right mix

BOWLS: John Price, the vice-chairman of the Professional Bowls Association, defeated Joyce Lindores, of Scotland, in the first round of the Bopa Care Homes Open at Preston yesterday. leaving three women to challenge the world's top men bowlers this week. The inclusion of four women in the field for the first event to be controlled by the newly-formed World Bowls Tour has attracted criticism from male competitors, but Price is not among them. "I would have lost if I played badly," he said.

Kettle scales heights

ROWING: Martin Kettle, rowing with his Queens Towe double sculls partner. Tom Gale, successfully defended his pairs Head of the River title on Saturday, holding off the Molesey combination of Greg Searle and Richard Stanhope by 5sec. With Emilie Haslov, of Denmark, at stroke, James Cracknell, the bow in Great Britain's world championshipwinning four, won the mixed event by 23sec.

Neumann wins again

GOLF: Laura Davies, the Great Britain No I, tied for fifteenth place behind Liselotte Neumann, of Sweden, at the Takara invitational in Yokoshiba, Japan. Davies carded a two-under-par final round of 70 for an eight-over-par total of 296, 14 shots behind Neumann, who won the event for the second time. Yuko Motoyama, of Japan, was second on 284.

Dangerfield beaten

CYCLING: Stuart Dangerfield suffered a rare defeat when he finished third in the 870-yard ascent of The Rake, near Holeozabe in Lancashire, in the build-up to the defence of his British hill climb championship in a fortnight's time. Jeff. Wright won in 2min 21.06sec, 4sec ahead of Jim Henderson. Dangerfield was a further 0.3sec behind.

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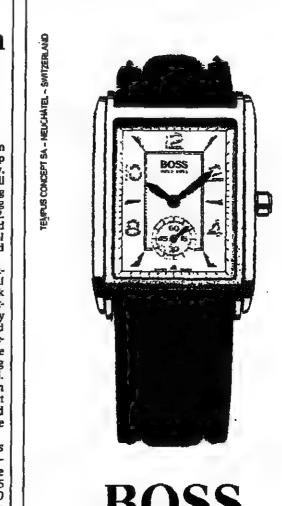
Eagles earn two-goal cup buffer

OFTHE six teams involved in the Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-finals on Saturday, only Ayr Scottish Eagles will take a lead into the second leg next weekend after beating Nottingham Panthers 4-2. Newcastle Cobras and Basingstoke Bison drew 1-1 and Bracknell Bees and Manchester Storm 2-2.

The Panthers started quick-ly in Ayr with Derek Laxdal scoring after only 91sec. Mark Montanari brought the Scottish side level midway through the first period and the Eagles dominated the second session, with Karri Biette and Dennis Purdie giving them a 3-I lead by the interval. Jamie Leach scored early in the third for the Panthers, but Montanari scored his second of the evening to restore the Eagles' two-goal margin.

The game in Newcastle was dominated by two well-organised defences and the teams combined for only 35 shots on goal in the 60 minutes. Brett Stewart gave Newcastle the lead in the first period, but Graham Garden evelled early in the third.

There was a scoreless first period in Bracknell, with Tom Gomes the first to find the target for the Bees after two minutes in the second period. Mike Morin scored for the Storm midway through this period. Brad Turner gave Manchester the lead early in the third, but Dave Whistle tied the score midway through the final session. In contrast to the match in Newcastle, both goaltenders were kept busy.



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Brochard on top of the world

FROM JEREMY WHITTLE IN SAN SEBASTIAN

LAURENT BROCHARD, of France, achieved a famous victory Hamburger, of Denmark, and Leon van Bon, of Holland, in a gripping finish to the world professional road race championship. the most prestigious one-day event

Brochard, a stage winner in the Tour de France in July, chose to ignore team orders in pursuit of a gold medal as his national squad colleague, Laurent Jalabert, fal-tered on the last of 19 laps of the

"I was told to work for the team."
Brochard said, "but I saw that they were lagging so I wasn't obliged to work for them any more because I

felt my own chances were good."

The first decisive move was made soon after the start of the seventeenth lap, when several prominent riders, including Max Sciandri, of Great Britain, fell heavily after a clash of wheels just ahead of them. A group of 24 broke clear after the chaos and this was reduced to six on the fast descent towards San Sebastian's windswept Playa de la Concha. The six finished virtually together and were all given the same time of 6hr l6min 48sec. 9sec ahead of the

seventh rider.
Alessandria Cappellotto pro-vided Italy with their only victory of the weekend when taking the elite women's road race on Saturday. The Italy Under-23 men's team failed to repeat last year's medal domination, victory going to the sprinter. Kurt-Asie Arvesen.

TENNIS: BRITISH NO 1 THROWS AWAY TWO-SET LEAD AFTER IVANISEVIC THROWS TANTRUM

Rusedski pays penalty as he lets victory slip

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN VIENNA

GREG RUSEDSKI'S winning sequence of nine matches was broken in controversial circumstances here yesterday when he was worn down by Goran Ivanisevic after three hours and five sets of combustible tennis in the final of the CA Trophy. The outcome hinged on a tempestu-ous passage of play midway through the match, when Ivanisevic, trailing by two sets and facing a series of break points at 3-4 in the third, was fortunate to escape

The fiery Croat, already warned for an audible obcenity, almost certainly escaped a penalty point because the match was so delicately poised. Such a sanction, which is what Ivanisevic's racket-throwing tanturm warranted, would have handed Rusedski a crucial service break - and allowed him to serve for victory in straight sets. Then, some 30 minutes later and trailing 3-2 in the fourth, a frustrated Rusedski remonstrated with Rudi Berger, the umpire. That provided the spark for Ivanisevic's short

censure for racket abuse.

"I never complain when someone else throws their racket," Ivanisevic said later. "Maybe I deserved a penalty point, but it was not his business. I hate that." The Croat wasted no time in venting his feelings: in the next game, he drilled a full-blooded forehand straight into the pit of Rusedski's stomach. To exacerbate his torment, Rusedski was officially reprimanded for ball abuse minutes later and, after that, the British

No I went to pieces. Rusedski had not dropped his

service all week; now he was to lose levelled the match and the air was black with the acrimony that has infiltrated previous encounters be-

In the final at Zagreb in February, Rusedski was foot-faulted by a Croatian line-judge when serving for the match and at Queen's in June he remonstrated bitterly when a handful of Croatian supporters heckled him. He was to lose that match, too, Ivanisevic coming

Martina Hingis registered her eleventh tournament win of 1997 yesterday when she defeated the unseeded Lisa Raymond, of the United States, 6-4, 6-2 in the final of the Filderstadt Open in Germany. Hingis has lost only twice this year.

through after a tie-break that ended

"He is always complaining."
Ivanisevic said. "He complained in Zagreb because the crowd was with me and he complained at Queen's because of 15 Croatian supporters in a 10,000 crowd. In the end, the crowd here turned against me, clapping my mistakes. But who cares? I won the match."

Rusedski, for his part, kept his own counsel. He refused to become embroiled in a war of words, but his behaviour in the post-match ceremony betrayed his sense of outrage. Given a rapturous reception, he would not acknowledge

It is also true that the Briton squandered an embarrassment of opportunities to win that pivotal third set. He fashioned no less than Il break points, but could capture none. Where Rusedski also erred was in allowing Ivanisevic to create the sort of emotional turnoil on which he thrives. As it was, Rusedski, who beat Tim

Henman on Saturday to reach the final, almost won that controversial eighth game of the third set. Facing break point and reduced to a sitting target at the net, Ivanisevic anticipated the direction of Rusedski's pass and his snatched volley dipped the net-cord before dropping stone dead

on Rusedski's side.
"He guessed right, the ball came over and that's basically what cost me the match." Rusedski said. "I have nothing to be disappointed about. I did my best. Goran took advantage of some situations and he took the match." The final indignity of this 3-6, 6-7, 7-6, 6-2, 6-3 defeat is that ivanisevic will today displace Rusedski at No 4 in the world when the rankings are updated this morning.
Rusedski has withdrawn from

the indoor tournament in Ostrava, which starts today. He will be fined \$5,000, a minor sanction when set against a hectic schedule that has left him physically and mentally exhausted. There were times in this match when tiredness betrayed him. It is a pleasure, from the perspective of British tennis, to report that Rusedski has become a



Rusedski sends down a service during the final yesterday but it was broken several times in his defeat against Ivanisevic

Japan find Jille am is slipping

JAPAN'S status as the pre-eminent judo nation was challenged as never before on the last day of the world championships here yesterday. Japan, the inventors of the sport, and France finished jointtop of the medals table with both countries taking four gold, three silver and two bronze medals.

Victories by Ryoko Tamura and Tadhiro Nomura allowed Japan to collect titles on the final day, just as it looked as if they might be toppled from their dominance for the first time. Tamura took her third successive title with a dazzling display of skill.

In the men's bantamweight final. Nomura produced a superb shoulder throw to dump Georg Revazishvili. of Georgia, on his back for an ippon, the sport's equivalent to a knockout.

Joyce Heron, of Great Britain, who won a bronze medal in the bantamweights four years ago, fought with consistent penetration yesterday, but in the repectage she was unable to upset Sylvie Meloux of France, who gained the unanimous decision of the

Sam Dunkley, of Willesden, produced an impressive performance in his first world championships despite a hip injury. He was finally strangled into submission by Myong Cha Kang, of North Korea. Both Heron and Dunkley finished seventh and, with the two fifth places and the gold medal for Kate Howey in these champion-ships, Britain have started to recover their old eminence in the

withou

Inspiration deserts Els as • title slips fron his grasp

VLJAY SINGH ended Ermie Ela's remarkable run of success in the Toyota World esterday. From the time Els, the reigning US.Open champion, arrived in this part of

Borney in October 1994, her ma Road course at the Wentworth club. The golf he played Nick Price suggested that Els and the West Course were

made for each other. Yet now Singh, another big man and long hitter, has toppled the South African. winning by one hole. It was not a march that deserved a fanfare of trumpets and the beating of angels' wings because although Singh deerved to win, Els conspired in his own defeat by some rela-

tively patchy play. Perhaps, in the end, he was let down by his own lack of practice. A five-week layoff from competition immediately prior to this event may have been why he was not at his best all the time. Singh, though, did what was neces-

"I was two under par in the morning and one under in the was what was needed to win the tournament. It was not as good as I can play, but it was matchplay and in matchplay you have to play better than

Els's swing looks so languid and easy that you sometimes wonder if anything can go wrong with it. It can - and it gets his feet and his shoulders in a moddle, failing to keep the

FINAL: Singh bt Els. 2 holes. Third-lourth place play-off: Feson bt Price. 5 and 4.

two in alignment. This makes over the ball as it sounds. Both can be closed or both can be. makes life very difficult indeed and there were moments when even the mild-mannered Els was getting cross with-

Singh was four up by after the 14th in the morning and it was beginning to look as though it would be a short final. Els failed to make his pars on both the 6th and the 9th from just short of the green. Furthermore, Singh won a lot of holes with nothing better than par golf, which is not what is expected in a competition such as this is on a mild zutumn day.

Els spent some time on the practice ground at lunchtime. trying to sort out his align-



eagled the 22nd and played the next four holes in level par, he was back to only one down. He squared the match on the 28th only to lose the next hole after missing a three-foot putt after both men had hit gloriously accurate

second shots. Though Eis played a deft 30th to square once again, his second into a bunker on the 33rd, where Singh went one up again and that was how it remained. The matchplay nature of the event was captured on the last hole, when Els had hit his second into a bunker to the right of the green. Singh wanted to make sure that he hit the green and had some discussion with his caddie before changing his mind and changing his club. He went from a six-iron down to a five and his ball duly reached the putting surface.

"I had to be careful." Singh said, "and it depended on what he was going to do. Once I saw he had hit it into the bunker, I knew that if I hit my ball on to the green he would have to hole out from the bunker. I wanted to hit a hard six-iron, but my caddie said I had to put it in the middle of had done that, I knew it was pretty much done."

For Singh, it was something of a dream come true. As a young man, he had read of Gary Player and Hale Irwin winning this event and he had dared to imagine himself doing the same. "It is a big event, one of the biggest in the world. It is the World Match Play," Singh said. It was not his fault that his first victory should have come in a year that was far from a vintage one.

Gales mar Le Havre start

By Edward Gorman, sailing correspondent

Jacques Vabre race, for double-handed monobulls and multibuils, from Le Havre to Cartagena, in Colombia, has started badly, with two boats out of action after 24 hours and two others in port for

repairs.
The race, which features five 60ft trimarans and several of the old Vendée Globe Open 60s, started off from Le Havre on Saturday in a 30-knot southwesterly that built to gale force overnight

Among the best early frontrunners were Pele Goss. of Great Britain, and Raphaël Dinelli, of France, on BMW Performance which stormed away from the line, headed only by Yves Partier and Eric

Leading the 18-strong fleet was Paul Vatine's trimaran. Chauss' Europe, with Laurent Bourgnon and his brother Yvan in Primagaz blasting along in second, doing close to 15 knots on a bumpy sea and in driving rain.

With conditions moderating yesterday, the leader in the Bay of Biscay was Francis Joyon, on the trimaran Banque Populaire, who was ten minutes late in crossing the start line but was averaging an impressive 17 knots

In the Whitbread Round the World race, the leading boats have now rounded the island of Trindade, the second turning mark off the Brazilian coast, and are heading southeast towards the first leg finish at Cape Town.

Call Cayard's EF Language has taken the lead from Innovation Kvaerner, which had held the top spot for 14 days. The Norwegian boat has slipped to third, behind Merit Cup, but there are only a few miles between the top three. Silk Cut, the British boat, remains fourth. 93 miles behind Cayard.

DA memorial service for John Merricks, the Olympic silver medal-winner, who was killed in a car crash last week. is to be held at Leicester Cathedral at Ipm on Friday. The family request that in-stead of flowers, donations should be made to the John Merricks Sailing Trust, c/o The Royal Yachting Associ-ation, RYA House, Romsey Road, Eastleigh, Hampshire SOS 4YA



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linking gambit, but while on the BBC that came down to

Lineker giving us his Michael Caine impersonation (there

were a frightening few seconds when I hadn't a clue who he

was supposed to be), on Sky

that meant they had the man

himself: "Glenn, I tried an

Italian job, but didn't bring

back the gold - you've got to do that for us."

Caine and Sky succeed with the Italian mob

hen they cover ten-nis. Italian broadcasters have a reputation for cutting away to the prettiest girl that they can find in the crowd during breaks in the action. When it comes to important football matches, however, "sweetaways" — as they are known by some - are sadly not an option. So when England took on Italy in the Olympic Stadium in Rome on Saturday, the local director had to impro-

Within the first ten minutes we had had umpteen "agitated-Maldini-aways", several "injured-player-aways" and a slightly unsettling number of 'Italian-VIPs-who-Martin-Tyler-couldn't-recognise-aways". And, thankfully, one

he noted with relief, ending an and commendably. Commend uncomfortable run of pauses. "Lots of Italian reaction you are getting from our local coverage here," the man from BSkyB explained.

Minutes later, lots of a rather different kind of Italian reaction filled our screens as the first "riot-away" of the night briefly interrupted the action. I let out a small cheer. After years of BBC Sport censoriously turning their cameras away from anything resembling a news story, here was a broadcaster prepared to show it how it was. Here, too, was a commentator with the sense to restrict himself to expressing regret rather than making instant judgments. The sort of scenes we didn't

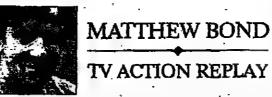
ably, that is, until a few minutes later, when he launched into an ill-timed plug for world championship boding. Despite their name, "over-

night" viewing figures for the game will not be available until today, but if Italy versus England does not bear the record for a cable or satellite programme (3.8 million, for the reciprocal game at Wembley in February), I shall be very surprised. And if somebody from Sky does not point out that those figures do not watched in pubs and clubs, I shall be even more surprised.

For the BBC, which had
neither the live rights to the

game nor the delayed terrestricruelly apparent.

Both broadcasters had want to bring you, but cannot al rights, which had gone to avoid," Tyler said accurately TV, the match could have



been an excuse for a sulk, but it wasn't. Football Focus dedicated a substantial part of its time to the match, with Gary Lineker and Peter Beardsley discussing it in that giant studio football, while Ray Stubbs reported from Rome. However, in the face of this generous coverage, the difference between the BBC and its satellite competition was still

Richard Keys, wearing the sort of headset that Desmond thought of The Italian Job as a

your spine doesn't tingle tonight, it never will," he said. I checked mine. No tingle yet, but then there was still an hour and a half till kick-off. Plenty of time for tingles later.

The fact that they never arrived in any significant form is not the fault of Sky, which covered its most important sports event to date about as well as it could, given that the match was away and the pictures supplied were largely out of its control. Keys got a bit overexcited, but so does Lynam at moments of high patriotism, as we all recall from Euro 96.

Although the presence of Roy Hodgson alongside Bobby Robson was probably one distinguished international

balanced partnership of Terry Venables and John Barnes the build-up was entertaining and tactically informative. The vital team news arrived at 7pm, giving Andy Gray plenty of time to shuffle blue and white counters around his green baize pitch. The one doubt seemed to be where to put the blue counter that was

Inzaghi. As it turned out, not

even Cesare Maldini, the Italy

coach, knew the answer to

In the commentary box, Tyler and Gray took turns to tempt fate. "Full of authority. full of style," Gray said of the England performance, "Mind you, I'm saying all these good things and there's still 25 minutes to go." Shortly afterthe England penalty box, an incident that Sky would replay only some 15 minutes after the game was over.

Eventually, the heady mix of patriotism and tension became too much for the normally reliable Tyler, especially after Le Saux squared up to an Italian defender: "Le Saux, a player with a French name, of course.'

However, having plumbed the depths of silliness with that, Tyler than redeemed himself immediately after the game with a roll call of those players who had contributed to England's qualification but no longer seemed to feature in Glenn Hoddle's plans. "Barmby, Le Tissier, Pearce ...". Suddenly, I felt a strange feeling. It was my spine managing a small tingle after all.

'This was possibly as much a triumph for Vick inhalers as for the history of England football'

Italy fans submit without a whimper

f all the excellent Colonel Bogey and Dambuster chants on Saturday night at the Olympic Stadium in Rome, there the greatest sense. It was the one. that goes: "You're supposed to be at home," It was meant to be aggressive, of course, but it was essentially fair comment, as well as an expression of incredible relief. Just as England's players were dominating the match, so England's fans' were dominating the stadium with astonishing case. This your place, is it? Very nice. Mim. soft cushions. Budge up. What's on the telly, then? Cup of tea would be nice; mine's got four

fron his

This sensation of cuckoo-in-thenest comfort was not how the evening had started out, however, For my own party of respectable fans, hosted by Carlsberg, I would say the main feeling on approaching that huge, impressive stadium was a sort of animal dread. I've never experienced the lambs-toslaughter thing quite so strongly. Let off our coach in the nearest car park, we were escorted in nearsilence by armed carabinieri by an excessively long route half a mile past the stadium and then half a mile back again.

It went on and on - this tiring trudge on a night much too warm for exercise. The worrying thing was, it felt like a trap. Around the next corner, I kept thinking we'd find ourselves trotting up a ramp on to a big train. Baa, baa. The doors would slam behind us (Baa?) and the next thing we knew, we'd be back at the airport, saying "How did that happen?" and "Did

David Beckham recover OK?" Put simply, the policing started out scary and remained scary. We kept telling ourselves all these loaded weapons and truncheons were intended for our protection. but we were just exercising our stiff upper lips. Violence inevitably erupted on the borders of the England enclosures and it should





be no surprise to find that a graph of the baton charges would fit exactly with a graph of the game. The more exciting the play, the greater the number of shiny helmets invading the fans. At half-time, all action (both on

and off the pitch) stopped for a well-earned break, like trench warfare at Christmas in the First World War. Perhaps the two sides exchanged cigarettes and (oh yest) played football. But when the whistle blew for the second half, the police got stuck right in again and the truce was at an end.

The astonishing thing about the evening, for me, was how little the violence mattered. It's a shameful admission, but an honest one. This was such a fabulous display of English football, supported with such gusto by the visiting fans, that strong-arm tactics in a remote part of the stadium was rather incidental. I had never seen the England team play with this combination of energy, control and sheer elegance; for once, the cheering was not just a message of blind Eng-er-land prejudice, but of genuine appreciation for a great,



An emotional Ince turns to thank the massed Eugland supporters for their vital contribution, which lifted the players, particularly in the last half-hour

great performance, for which I must quickly acquire grandchildren just so that I can tell them about the superlative passing in

o when the scuffles broke out, we would all nudge each other and make tuttut noises and I would hand round the binoculars, but watching the scuffles instead of the match was simply not an option. It was like those moments when someone rings up during East-Enders (or whatever) and you snort with a laugh "Nice try". without bothering even to find out

who it is. Afterwards, they kept us in the stadium for about an hour, cunningly tiring us of our own

company as well as waiting for the Italians to disperse. Like many a disappointed crowd, the home fans vanished quickly, and you couldn't blame them. We'd been warned that a good way to avoid trouble afterwards (in the event of a good result for England) was to adopt protective colouring, "Look gium and Italian," we told each other, though honestly, even with all our years of accumulated national glumness, we hadn't the slightest idea on Saturday night

where to start. With football, you are allowed to have a short-term memory. You are allowed to exult in success without thinking about defeat around the last corner. I felt so proud of our boys on Saturday that when Sheringham and Beckham

hugged jubilantly for the cameras. I actually started crying. I have never watched England qualify for the World Cup before and if it's like this, I'd like to see it again. But mainly I was crying because I'd seen these people perform at their best. Beckham hasn't been at all well, you know. His flu was a national talking-point. What an especially noteworthy perfor-mance, in that case. This was possibly as much a triumph for Vick inhalers as for the history of

England football.
What happened to the genuine glum Italians we never knew. The Italian crowds are noted, I believe, for a memory so frighteningly short that they will simply disown their team when the going gets tough. Presumably something like

this national amnesia was occurring on Saturday, when they failed utterly to motivate their players. other than with a bit of flagwaving. True, there were a few banners, but a sheet with "Good evening bastards" raised only smug smiles and waves from the English fans. Yes, it was true. The Italians were not behaving as though they were at home. It was

very, very odd.
Of course, we never did look glum and Italian, although we did a very good impression of tired-to-death, because in order to fly out same-day, many of us had been up since 4am. Kick-off was at 8.45pm local time and it was nearly midnight before they escorted us off the premises, on a route lined by stoney-faced marksmen.

What's the Italian for "for heaven's sake, lighten up, it's only football", I wonder? On second thoughts, I'm glad I don't know, or I might have been tempted to try it.

Throughout the evening, I kept remembering that long-ago New Statesman weekend competition, in which entrants were invited to supply dangerous advice for unwary travellers. Try the famous echo in the British Museum reading room," was a particularly good one. Also: "In Britain a single yellow line means you can park for one hour; two lines means two hours." They should run this competition again. "In Rome, it is customary to knock the hats off the cheery carabinieri. They are re-cruited for their sense of fun and will always take it in good part."

> This week in THE TIMES

SPORTS LETTERS

Behaviour and referees

From Mr G. Ralph

Harris

Sir, I must agree with Keith Atkinson's letter (Sports Letters, October 6) concerning the behaviour of footballers towards referees. Two weeks ago I played hockey on a recreation ground in a Kent village. On the two adjacent pitches games of football and rugby were being played. I and many of our players were sturmed at the behaviour of the footballers towards their officials compared with that of the rugby and hockey players towards theirs.

Combined with this was the incessant shouting and swearing at the referee, the opponents and each other, all within 60 yards of a children's

playground. is there any connection between the fact that the two rugby codes and hockey have sin bins and ten-yard penalties for abuse towards the referee or umpire? Surely the FA has a duty to improve the standard of behaviour of players. Yours sincerely, GRAHAM RALPH. Old Gravesendians H.C.

Return of terraces

29 Alfred Road,

Gravesend, Kent

From Mr A Wilson Sir, Millions of football supporters have stood on terracing without loss of life. The events of Hillsborough unfolded in a freak set of circumstances - roadworks, police action and fencing. A similar set could occur in any large social gathering, such as a pop concert. That does not mean we should ban people from such gatherings.

I can understand why Mr Hicks finds terracing distasteful, but neither he, nor the other relatives of the Hillsborough victims, should be able to restrict the choice of football supporters. It is a disgraceful slur to link the call for terracing with the encouragement of hooliganism: whereas it is true that all-

Appointment of the next Ryder Cup captain

Sir. Why has an Irishman never been honoured with the captaincy of a Ryder Cup team? The Ryder Cup committee should be made aware there is a golden opportunity to appoint an Irish

Christy O'Connor Jnr is nearing the end of a long and successful career on the European Tour, he is respected by his peers and would be an ideal choice to lead the side, particularly in Boston. He is a man of strong will and determination, frequently demonstrated as he

emerged from the shadow of his illustrious

Those concerned must agree the time is right, at long last, to acknowledge the contribution Irish professional golfers have made to Ryder Cup history. The choice of Christy O'Connor Inr would put to rest thoughts that a clique exists within the halls of the PGA and The European Tour.

Yours faithfully.

Sir, The misconceived claim in PETER HUGHES, 12 Pentland Avenue, Shepshed, Leicestershire.

saddened by the loss of Rugby

Special on the BBC. My 13-

year-old complained today that he hasn't seen even ten

seconds of televised rugby this

season, yet both he and his 11-

year-old brother are keen and

accomplished rugby players, who play for their schools and

for their village side. Are we to

see any rugby on a weekly

basis on terrestrial channels

this season?

Yours faithfully, PAMELA MASSON,

Diddington House,

Gloucestershire.

Breaton, Tewkesbury,

seater stadiums have taken the atmosphere out of football. On this issue Tony Banks has Yours sincerely

ANDREW WILSON. 3 King George Street, Greenwich, London.

Cricket statistics

From Mr C. Nutt Sir, I hope that Mr Roberts was merely being provocative when he claimed that aggregates show. Kent to have outbatted and out-bowled Glamorgan this year (Sports

Letters, October 6).
This is rather like saying Allan Border was a better batsman than Don Bradman.

because he scored more than No Rugby Special 4,000 more Test runs, when From Mrs P. Masson he took three times the number of matches to do so. Sir. As a family we too are

The whole purpose of an average is to compare performance in the context of the opportunities provided. Bradman averaged nearly double Border per completed innings. Similarly Glamorgan suffered more than most from the weather — their aggregate runs and wickets reflect no more than this - whereas their average runs scored and conceded show their

Yours sincerely CHRISTOPHER NUTT. 8 Cambray Place, Cheltenham, Glos.

superiority.

From Mr E. Grayson

your Times Diary (October 6) The Corinthian spirit is dead contrasts sharply with the following day's front-page report that "a code of conduct to stamp out indiscipline and gamesmanship imported from professional sport in matches between schools was unveiled by the heads of leading independent schools".

Corinthian

spirit alive

This is nothing more than the endorsement of the unwritten Corinthian concept of fair play in all team games, handed down and crystallised by the Corinthian Football Club from the C.B. Fry era and now identified as a wider benchmark for ethical conduct in all sporting activity.

Many of your readers may not know that many of the club's leading amateur internationals, playing alongside their paid contemporaries. were schoolmasters, including Fry himself and two of the club's historians, B.O. Corbett and Norman Creek. With their contemporaries from the professions of law and medi-

e-mail should be sent to: letters@the-times.co.uk cine, they shared with their professional opponents stan-dards of conduct and play

which all schools could

Today too many paid gladiators and their employers from the jungle of commerce have no comparable standards. Hence the need for a

schools code.

At Tolworth, Surrey, however, the legatees of that Corinthian tradition, the Corinthian-Casuals, can be found in the Isthmian League, which the Casuals helped found in 1905, operating ten teams from veterans to under-10s all dedicated to the aim enshrined in the club rules: To promote fair play and sportsmanship, to generate good fellowship and sustain

the amateur tradition". So, far from the Corinthian tradition being dead, it lives on in a corner of a Surrey football field that is more Corinthian than casual.

I am, Sir, Yours faithfully. EDWARD GRAYSON, Corinthian-Casuals Football King George's Field,

South Tolworth.

Saturday: Frank Leboeuf (above), Chelsea's stylish defender, begins

a new column

football action

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The road to France

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BY PETER BILLS

WHICHEVER side of the

English Channel you are on,

the European Conference re-

mains an enigma to clubs and spectators alike. Northampton

report average crowds of

4,000, compared to almost double for league matches;

London Irish have attracted

no more than 1,500 for their

pames. 2,500 below their

league average.
On a pleasant Sunday afternoon, barely 2,500 bothered to see a French club with a fine tradition visit Vicarage Road yesterday. Everyone did their

best to make it an occasion

worthy of the name. The man

from Sud Radio in the south of

France conveyed news back to

the homes and vineyards of

with great excitement, but

events in Castres the previous

night had rendered Saracens' task impossible. In order to

reach the quarter-finals as

group winners, they had to win by 64 points. Not surpris-

looked like succeeding.

they never remotely

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Mariners dying with style

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

IF NOTHING else, the long-winded and competirively lop-sided world club championship has produced a curiosity for the sporting quiz books. Which rugby league club played in a final and was instantly scrapped?

The doomed Hunter Mariners can at least go out in style at Auckland on Friday. Brisbane Broncos are odds-on favourites, but, then, so were Cronulla Sharks in the semi-finals on Saturday and Hunter staged a resounding comeback in a 22-18 victory to live for one more day.

Hunter's name on a trophy, which will never be repeated in such a tortuous form, or possibly played at all next year necause of the World Cup in Australasia, might be apt. The club is staring at extinction after one season because of the need in Australia for a unified, 20-team competition and the fact that there is room in Newcastle, their home city, for only one club.

The death sentence hanging over Hunter is inspiring them — that and overshadowing triumph of Newcastle Knights in winning the Australian Rugby League competition. Anything their neighbours do, Hunter want to do better.

Graham Murray, their coach, appears to be headed for Great Britain as Dean Bell's replacement at Headingley. He may well bring with him Robble McCormack, the tough. durable Hunter captain. who is eager to end his career in Britain. Leeds are in the market for a hooker after the departure of Wayne Collins and if Murray could persuade one or two more to follow him, youngsters of the quality Kimmorley at scrum half would be welcome.

Kimmorley, however, is bound to be in demand at after his two-tr display in a victory, which was Hunter's first away from home in Australasia.

Wasps seize

forward advantage to fight back

Swansea

By MARK SOUSTER

SWANSEA'S slim hopes of qualifying for the quarter-finals of the Heineken Cup disappeared in cruel circumstances at Loftus Road yesterday as Wasps maintained their 100 per cent record in pool B. Despite having underachieved in Europe this season, however. Swansea can be proud of a performance that came so close to providing an upset in a riveting match of skill, passion and movement.

Having arrived with a team denuded by injury of Scott Gibbs, Arwel Thomas and Paul Arnold, to name but three, Swansea must have felt that a difficult task had become an impossible mission. Insult was added to their injury problems when Shaun Roiser scored Wasps's crucial third try after a blatant forward pass from Kenny Logan

after 68 minutes. That brought Wasps to within two points at 28-26 and the momentum that had been with the All Whites was lost. It was the defining moment and it was left to Gareth Rees, the Wasps full back, to convert his fourth successful penalty goal to secure their narrow victory.

When Swansea assess their European campaign, they will know that their early patchy form had finally caught up with them. It is also a sign of Wasps's attitude that, having already qualified for the last eight, they retrieved what had looked a hopeless situation with 20 minutes remaining.

Wasps took the lead with a penalty goal by Rees, then Swansea scored their first try. Booth broke down the short side from a scrum on the Wasps 22, then fed Paul Moriarty, who left Rees flat on

Aled Williams missed the conversion, but then extended Swansea's lead with another

penalty after Lee Davies had been tackled late by Molloy. With Cronin dominating the early lineouts, though, Wasps

A slick passing movement nvolving Dallaglio and

Five minutes later, Logan Swansea defence, changed anand King in support. The fly

Both sides added a penalty to give Wasps a 16-11 lead at half-time. Within ten minutes of the restart, however, Swansea had turned the match on its head with two swift tries.

first, after a huge pass from Booth following a tapped pen-alty, then Stuart Davies, who a magnificent match, charged over from 20 metres after a break by Chris Wells, the hooker. That put Swansea two scores ahead and in sight of a famous win.

Smith, the referee, left the field with a cut head that required seven stiches and Sean Buggy, his replacement, missed the all-important pass that consigned Swansea to defeat.

were quick to retaliate.

Greenstock created space for Logan on the left. The Scotland international, who has scored 21 tries in 16 matches for Wasps, was stopped short but stood up in the tackle and off-loaded to King, who looped around to score in the corner.

instigated the next try. From a quick penalty, he raced 50 metres through the startled gles and found Greenstock half showed considerable pace to touch down wide out.

Mark Taylor scored the

Then fate stepped in. Bertie

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RUGBY UNION: TWO LATE TRIES DENY DEPLETED SWANSEA A FAMOUS VICTORY IN HEINEKEN CUP

Munster's pride shines through of their city's sporting legend minutes before half-time and, when Lacroix kicked his sec-

Harlequins .

FROM KARL JOHNSTON IN LIMERICK

THE cheers of biggest crowd at Thomond Park since 1978, the year when Munster became the first - and so far only --- Irish team to defeat the All Blacks, rent the air here vesterday when Munster preserved their unbeaten home Heineken Cup record with a surprise defeat of Harlequins.

The result made no difference to Munster, whose interest in this season's competition, like Leinster and Ulster, is academic, but pride counts for a great deal in a city that rejoices in its tag of the rugby capital of Ireland, its clubs having dominated the All Ireland League for the past six

> This victory will go into the annals of Limerick, this year celebrating the 800th anniversary of its charter, awarded by King John of Begland in 1197. quins will hardly worry about history, but they became part

Harlequins raced to an 8-0

lead in seven minutes; courtesy of Darren O'Leary's unconverted try and a penalty goal from Thierry Lacroix, but, in a purple passage, Munster com-piled 17 points in reply. Killian Keane, voted man of the match at fly half, started the fightback with a penalty goal, followed by conversions of tries by Rhys Ellison and Eddie Halvey. Jamie Williams scored a

ond penalty goal four minutes into the second period to reduce Munster's lead to one point, the outlook was not bright for the home side. Munster spent long periods

of the second half in defence, but they stood firm, even if there was many a heart-stopping moment for the home supporters. Harlequins' skipper, Keith Wood, was back on his native heath, but the welcome was warm; though not in the way that the

Leicester scrape home

LEICESTER, who boast one of the meanest defences in the Heineken Cup, conceded five tries to Milan in Calvisano yesterday and came within right minutes of their second defeat in the pool matches. Only an injury-time

try by Will Greenwood made Joel Stransky's goal-kicking only team in the com-

four conversions and three penalty goals. Francis Lagleyze, his opposite number, could register only two successes from seven

landed two more penalty goals, the last with time running out, Harlequins could still, have forced a draw, but Munster kept their heads, defended nanfully and held out for a win that must have gladdened the heart of the national coach, Brian Ashton, who was an

aterested observer. Anyone brave enough to suggest in the pubs of Limerick last night that Irish rugby is dead would have got an emphatic argument to the

Saracens were always in charge. The combination of so much international experience in the London side and a Scottish referee who seemed to adhere to the principle of when in doubt, penalise the French" was heady stuff and the dismissal of a frustrated Racine for head-butting

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dictable. Narbonne had conceded two goals within 19 minutes and, although they stuck to their task - with the young

Bracken was eminently pre-

the difference, the not to have won a match. Return trip to Brive awaits Pontypridd

PONTYPRIDD will, in a

Swansea, but deep down I was thinking to myself Come on, give us a break," Cenydd Thomas, the Pontypridd chief

executive, said. "Now the inevitable has happened and we will go to Brive to play a game of rugby." When the violence of that first encounter is set aside, the two sides produced some thrilling rugby before Brive won by a point thanks to a controversial try. The holders qualify as the leading team in the play-offs, by virtue of their four wins and a draw in team - Pontypridd.

best of the runners-up. Leicester, against the fifthplaced team, Glasgow, while the third-ranked club, Cardiff,

Wales with only one. English clubs won three of the five pools, but Harlequins, successful only on points difference from Cardiff in pool D. conceded home advantage by

with a points difference of 114. The formula pits the second- are exactly twice better off than the London team, who may still be kicking themselves for losing at home by a point to Cardiff eight days

HEMEKEN CUP PLAY-OFFS: Bovs v Portypridd; Lekcester v Glasgow; Cardiff v Lienell (to be played November 1-2)

Bedford will relinquish eight of their 40 contracted players in a cost-cutting exercise. They include Peter Angelsea, the back-row forward signed from Orrell during the summer.

tition regulations pair them, the quarter-final draw in Dubwith the best third-placed lin tomorrow because Pau, "Watching the game on tele-vision. I was cheering for BY DAVID HANDS

sense, start the Heineken Cup all over again next month. They will try to put out of their minds the events that clouded their first meeting with Brive when they return to France on the weekend of November 1 and 2 for the play-off match against the holders, which will determine who plays in the competition's quarter-finals.

But they take their place in the play-offs by a whisker. Depleted Swansea's heroic feats at Loftus Road almost carried them into the knockout stage at Pontypridd's expense:

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will take on Llanelli in an all-Welsh affair. That could leave Scotland with no representative in the quarter-finals and

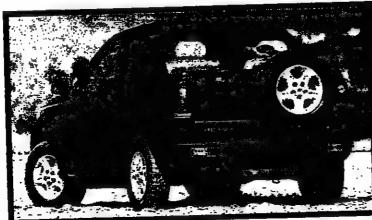
losing in Limerick. They will after failing to attract crowds of more than 3,000. now go into the "away" bag for pool matches, and the compe-

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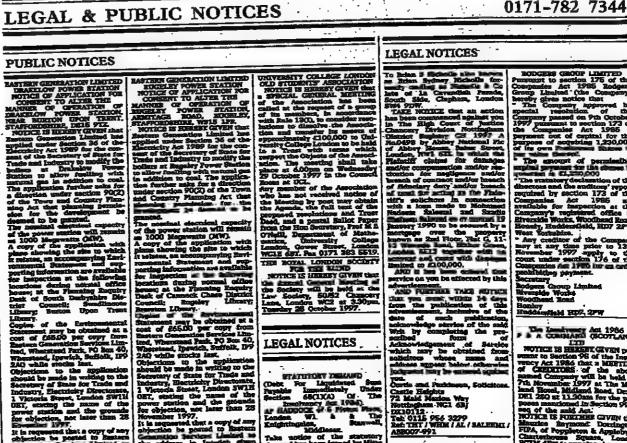
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RUGBY UNION

Pontypridd left to fret as Lyle leads Bath into last eight

RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

IF PONTYPRIDD spent yesterday biting their fingernails, who could blame them? Progress in Europe means so much to the valley community and their failure to win at the Recreation Ground on Saturday left their Heineken Cup fate in the hands of the two pool B contenders, Swansea and Glasgow, Last season, they were denied a place in the knockout phase only on points difference, but now their hopes remain alive in the playoffs next month.

How different for Bath, who stride into the quarter-finals as pool C winners after a display that hinted at the glories of last spring. One try may seem tame reward, but the continuity that they placed on the game, only six days after their featureless display in Brive, brought a grim smile to the lips of Andy Robinson, their coach. The great thing was the attitude with which the players went out in those wet conditions," he said. They have the winning mentality back. Last season, the fear of losing came into our game. The call today was 'no

statement today on the imme-

diate playing future of Jeremy

Guscott, which may rule him

out of England's international

not played this season, at first

because of a broken forestm

and then because of strained

ligaments in his back. Bath

are collating the latest medi-

cal reports on Guscott's condi-

me next month. The British Isles centre has play coincided with the return to form of Dan Lyle was significant. The American returned to Bath after the summer carrying a hamstring complaint and, sensibly, the club did not

last month, appears before the European Rugby Cup direc-tors charged with bringing the game into disrepute by his

actions as he left the pitch. He

is serving a month's suspen-

win boouses and has been

fined internally and repri-manded. We feel he has been

punished enough." Eddie

Jones, the Pontypridd team

manager, said. "If there is any

question of a further suspen-tion, we will fight it."

The club's lawyers have

already applied for the lifting of legal restrictions that would

prevent McIntosh, Phil John - recipient of a yellow card on Saturday - and André Bar-

nard returning to play in the Brive area and are relaxed at

the prospect. "It doesn't fill us

with any trepidation at all."

Jones said. "They are a very
good rugby side when they

play rugby - perhaps a better side than Bath, a little sharper

Bath, though, possessed the patience with which the Brit-

ish Isles were imbued on tour

in South Africa. They con-

trolled the ball for long peri-

ods in masterly fashion and as Pontypridd's discipline

cracked, so Callard's kicking accumulated the points. When

the Welshmen fashioned a

spendid 55-metre try for Wy

att, Bath merely returned to

rush his return. He plagued Pontypridd on every front: at the lineout, in driving off the back of the scroms and in scoring Bath's try after a harassed Paul John sent a clearance into the rain-filled atmosphere and Lyle leaped highest to win the touchdown On another day, Bath might have scored two or three more,

Results and tables ...

but their finishing deserted them, helped by dogged de-fence by the Welsh chib, who will not look back at this game with great affection.

There was a lack of control from their half backs that accentuated the struggles that. they perennially endure at setpieces, in addition, Jason Lee, their wing, was taken to hospital for observation after a blow to the head. Yet they are growing used to hardship. They are bracing themselves for a return to Brive in the play-offs for their third encounter in six weeks with the cup-holders and for a further defence tomorrow of their erring No 8, Dale McIntosh, McIntosh, sent off during

the attack and put themselves COPIERS: Built: Thy: Lyle (Strain). Pen-alty gonist: Calland 5 (S. 21, 28, 38, 81). Propoed goat: Call (60). Poralyprick: Try: Nyat (67). Comercian: Jenians. Penalty youl: Jeniana (18). Guscott still in doubt

himself has consistently refused to set a target date.

England's next squad meeting is at Bisham Abbey on Wednesday and their first International, against Austraha, is at Twickenham on

Guscott's finest hour, page 36



Lyle, the outstanding Bath player, attracts close attention from Eynon, of Pontypridd

Connacht exceed expectations

IIY NICOLAH ANDREWS

UNSUNG, unfancied Connacht are, deservedly, in the quarter-finals of the Euro-

pean Conference; unhappy, under-achieving Northamp ton are, deservedly, not. Only a controversial penalty try in injury time of their game in Nice has prevented

the Itish province advancing with a 100 per cent record from pool D. Connacht may aiready have exceeded their

"They do the basics well, they deserved to go through," Ian McGeechan, the Northampton director of rugby,

off against anybody."
Warren Gatland, a former All Black appointed provincial coach by the Irish Rugby Football Union in August, has group of players. "If a side is ing to beat us, they have got to play well," he said.

Northampton did not play well on Saturday. They domi-nated possession, but the driving rain made it one of those afternoons when having the ball in hand was not necessarily an advantage. Knock-ons, dropped passes and turnovers

were the order of the day. The final score owed much to the performances of the two fly haives. Eric Elwood, the only international in the Connacht line-un, created a delightful try in the 48th minute

passed to Junior Charlie.

Gregor Townsend had restored the Northampton lead in the 33rd minute and should have brought his side back into contention on the hour, but he chose to ignore the four men queneing up outside him for the scoring pass, then missed three kicks at goal.

9CORERS: Northempton: Tries: Townsend (33mm), Bell (79) Conversion: Townsend Pensity gast: Townsend (8), Convention: Tries: Meher (29), Charlie (48), Carolan (54) Convenion: Elwood, Pensity gast: Elwood

15-20
NORTH-AMPTICR: H Baud, C Moir, M Assy, A Blyth year J Bed, 55mm), B Cohen; G Townsend, M Dewson; M Vollend, C Johnson, M Stewart, J Philips, M Beyfield, S Bernse, A Pounnery, D Merfin, CONNACHT: W Pasene, N Barry, P Dulgar, M Murphy, N Carolan, E Bwood, C McGurness, J Mahler, W Matcarly, M Finley, Gep. M Carl, 70), G Heasip, M McConnell, 199, M Carolan, E Bwood, C McGurness, J Mahler, W Matcarly, M Finley, Sp. McConnell, 70), G Heasip, M McConnell, 199, D Jackman, 72), B Gavin, J Charlie, S McFinten Ino, M Ruffle, 411.

Jarvis provides impetus for muted Cardiff

Bourgoin

By GERALD DAVIES

THE question for Cardiff is this: what would they do without Lee Jarvis at fly half? He scored 16 points on Saturday to give his team a victory the comprehensiveness of which is not fully reflected in the final score. Jarvis has now amassed 109 points out of Cardiff's total of 184 in the Heineken Cup.

In a competition in which English and French clubs are setting the pace - and are presumed to provide the evenrual winners - Cardiff have the potential to be the exception. Apart from fly half and centre, they have considerable depth of reserve strength upon which to call. Yet they are, annoyingly, performing at less than full capacity. Watching them, you always expect more.

It was the case on Saturday. They had the measure of Bourgoin so soon that, after Jarvis had kicked the first of his four penalty goals and Justin Thomas had scored a try, the foundation had been well established for a handsome score with just 20 minutes on the clock.

The visitors were hardly in the contest at this stage, playing as if their minds were set on a quick journey home. As Malafosse, he seemed intent on an early bath. He indulged himself in half a dozen aggressive incidents with the Cardiff players. Apart from his fierce tackle on Howley, which caused the scrum half to have four stitches in his eyebrow, none of the other incidents were too serious. Collectively, though, they riled the Cardiff crowd. With his long, straggly hair and hunched shoulders, Mala-fosse prowled the pitch like a dark messenger of unruly

Yet Cardiff, for all their possession, failed to mine a rich seam. There were occasions when they ignored penalty goal opportunities in the hope of manufacturing other

scoring means. They did not and it was left to Jarvis to kick two more penalty goals to Geany's one by half-time.

Walker, on the left wing. made the crowd catch its breath each time he touched the ball. Sadly, this was always in confined space. Each time, with a shimmy here and a sidestep there, he created panie in the visitors' defence. If only Cardiff were capable at creating more time for him.

The home team's opening try - when it eventually came was made by a beautiful piece of running by Gareth Jones, Geany and Jarvis had



Jarvis: invaluable

exchanged a penalty goal very early in the second half; a barren and difficult period followed. In the 75th minute, from a scrum 15 metres from the visitors' line, Jones, running from midfield on a wide, curving arch, moved to the blind side before straightening his line to score in the corner. Jarvis converted this second try from the touchline, as he had done the first.

SCORERS: Cardiff: Tries: Thomas (22mm), Gareth Jones (75) Comensiona: James 2 Panatty goals: James 4 (8, 26, 36, 53) Bourgoin: Penalty goals: Geany 2 (38,

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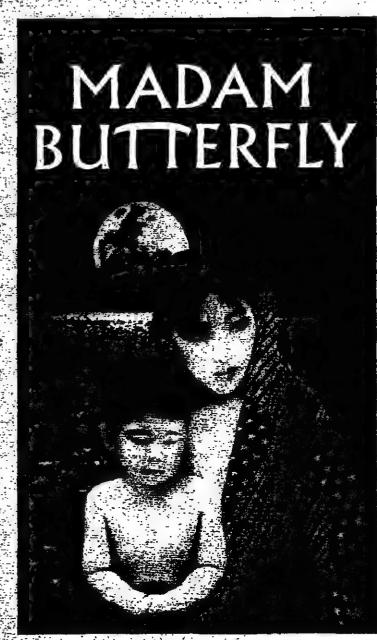


Priority booking for Madam Butterfly

The floor of the Royal Albert Hall will be awash for the first time in its 126 year history when a new production of Madam Butterfly opens there in February. A Japanese water garden complete with a series of walkways and bridges leading to Madam Butterfly's house sitting on stilts — is to be built for Puccini's opera.

This opera in the round promises to be a speciacular operatic experience and is just one of the exciting offers The Times has arranged for readers during the autumn and winter seasons. The opera, which will be performed between February 19 and 27, is directed by David Freeman. founder of the Opera Factory, one of whose recent productions was A Winter's Tale at the new Globe Theatre. This new production of Madam Butterfly is the foorth joint producton by the Royal Albert Hall and Raymond Gubbay and follows the success of La Boheme last year and Curmen and Swan Lake carrier

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Jeremy Guscott on one of the great moments in British sport — and being dropped from the England team

'I prayed it wouldn't be charged down. I struck it cleanly

ypical, people said. Of all the dropped goals, in all the world, it had to be you. If you'd seen me spraying drop-kicks all over the pitch in training during the previous week off the outside of my foot, off the inside of my foot, off the end of my toe - you would have bet as much money on me putting it over as you would on a one-legged man in a backside-kicking

competition.

Did 1 know it would go over? No. No way. I had already sent one scudding wide about a foot off the ground in the first international. So why with the score tied at 15-15 in the second international, three minutes of normal time left to play, and a historic series win for the Lions at stake, did it fall to me of all people to do the honours?

Fran Cotton would have said: "Simple as that." Much as I might have felt like the wrong man in the right place, I was there, with the eyes of the 70,000 souls crammed into King's Park, Durban, drilling into my every movement.

time in my memory. Probably because freezing was what was most on my mind. As the drifted towards me through the arc of the floodlights everything seemed to missed? How

I knew the answer to the second one: we had lifted the Springbok siege and had to counter-attack



of the match. Woody [Keith Wood) had hacked the ball down the left-hand touchline as the massive Lions contingent roared him on in the Durban night. Gregor Townsend had then driven for the line but was hauled down inside the 22. Scott Gibbs drove in to help clear the ball at the ruck. The target was in

I had stepped inside to the fly-half position and knew that we had no chance of an overlap on the outside with two of our backs aiready committed. When the bail came back to Matt Dawson he shaped to pass straight behind him, but in an instant he ooked at me. There was p in his eyes — and probably mine too - but he realised what was on and managed to swivel round and get the ball away to me. It had to be done.

I knew where the posts were



so I didn't have to look up. I concentrated purely on put-ting boot to ball and kept my head down. I prayed it wouldn't miss. I prayed it wouldn't be charged down. I struck it cleanly. The sense of elation I felt when I eventually looked up and saw the drop

soar between the posts will

mmediately the Lions supporters went ballistic, and the boys on the field heaped congratulations on me, but there were five minutes remaining in which we had to protect that 18-15 margin. Five minutes before the 1997 Lions, the first professionals, wrote their name fame. When the final whistle went, Fran Cotton found me with a bear-hug which nearly broke my ribs. If he had, it wouldn't have made a jot of difference — I was on such

BY RAYMOND KEENE

CHESS CURRESPONDENT

The line-up at the Tilburg tournament includes many of

the world's top players, Viswanathan Anand and

Anatoly Karpov being the

main exceptions. Amongst the

field, apart from the world's

top two ranked players, Kasparov and Kramnik, were

Britain's Michael Adams,

Judit Polgar, Alexei Shirov, Joel Lautier and the player

who used to be the world's

youngest grandmaster. Peter Leko. The first prize is approx-

imately £8,000. In today's

games from Tilburg, opposite

castling leads, in both cases, to

a violent attack against the

Sicilian Defence

enemy king.

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5 Nc3 5 Be2

17 Kb1

23 b3 24 Ne6

25 Nc7

White: Alexei Shirov

Black: Loek van Wely

Tilburg, September 1997

Tilburg line-up

a high I was anaesthetised. I couldn't believe it. We had won against the odds against the most arrogant rugby na-tion on earth. We had made history. All I wanted to do was soak up the atmosphere, to drink in something that would stay with all of the 1997 Lions for the rest of our lives. I also family and friends. After the press conference was over you couldn't have wiped the smile off my face even if I d been forced to eat a lemon - I phoned my wife Jayne at home in Bath with my three daughters, Imogen, Holly and Saskia. Saskia had been born while I was away and I had only seen photos of her for the

There was a hug outside the dressing-room from my mum. Sue, who had come out for the internationals, and then I called my dad. Henry, back home in Bath. After I scored

Bg5 Rxc7+ hyg5 Rx6 Kr8 Rt6 Ke7 Re6

EENE on CHESS

White: Peter Svidler

Tilburg, September 1997

French Defence

hw7 Bd7 h6 6a4 Nd7

0-0-0 Kb8 Nxc5 Bc7 Ka3 Nxd3

Kub7 Pg4 Ka8 Rb8 Rb8

25 Rbb7 26 Nb3

34 Kg2 35 Qc5

Black: Shaked Tal



the match-winning try for the had been so pumped up that he walked down to my house. which was being refurbished, and smashed down a partition wall in about 30 seconds flat.

"This time I don't know wheth-

lifelong mates from back home Challde Wardell and Pete Blackett. I got Pete on the

phone. There had been nine of

them watching the match in

another mate, had proped round to Peters when there were ten minutes to go and said "Could you imagine if that bleeder drops a goal to . win the game?" When they knew it was me on the end of the phone they went mad.

in retrospect. I'm pleased for the family and friends who had stuck by me through thick and thin, and for all my colleagues, players and man-agement alike on tour and for the supporters who did us Not only that, but myself for having had the privilege to play for them.

There is nothing in rugby to touch the Lions Lions tours provide a stage on which you can find a piace in history. They certainly provided me with a world stage on which to play a leading role after an

Ungland team Why was Carling give given the vote?

WHEN Jack Rowell decided to pick Will Carling ahead of championship last season, he could argue the pros and cons for either of us as players convincingly. In fact, on one occasion, he did. He said that over the previous two seasons a comparison between the two of us gave Will the edge because he was stronger than I was in contact situations. That's not something I'd disagree with because Will has always been good at taking the ball up, staying on his feet in contact and providing a target for his forwards, but it's all a matter of borses for courses, and if that's the game

you decide to play, fine.

However, if you are talking about opening up and expanding your game, as Jack was, I think my record shows
I can do that. Many pundits
were of the opinion that Will
and Phil de Glanville played similar games, and that you needed a different sort of

Whether these playing considerations weighed more beavily than "political" factors is another question. I don't suppose we will ever know whether Jack weighed up which axing would cause the greater furore. What I do know is that as a former Bath coach he was conscious of laying himself open to accusaons of Bath favouritism.

I WASN'T the only one who was a little baffled by Jack's decision to leave me on the bench, however --- a point that seemed to be underlined when I was picked as a centre for the Lions squad. This meant a huge amount to me. As far as my England future is concerned, it will be very interesting to see what happens next. Will Carling may be out of the running but was concussed badly towards the end of the Lions tour, Will Greenwood was playing very well. There's Phil, and me.

Who knows what comes next? In the end it all depends outside centre. Does he want someone who can finish off what's been created on the inside, or does he want what he had before? Put it this way.

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sherhan, bridge correspondent

I have mentioned before that "side-suit first" is a good rule of thumb when the trump position is at all fragile. This example is from the second match of this year's BBL Premier League. East-West game Dealer East

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_	Senior	Arms	gaord	Sheehan	Davies	
	10	10		2 C	Pass 2 D	
	2 H	3 D		3 H	All Pass	
	Contract: Thre	e Hearts	by South.	Lead:	king of diamonds	

I made a sensible bid and a poor one in this auction. I think it is correct to bid Two Clubs over One Diamond — if we have a heart fit we will find it on the next round; to bid hearts and then support clubs if my partner does not have hearts gives a distorted picture of my hand. Over Three Diamonds,

though, I should have bid Four Hearts - Three Hearts is consistent with a hand that does not have the king of spades. in Three Hearts Senior won

the first diamond and played ace and another club. With the hearts behaving he now made ten tricks. But why did he play on clubs before ducking a heart (incidentally the best technique in the heart suit is to duck one round, rather than play ace and another)?

Well, look what happens is East had had KQJ9 of hearts and KJ of dubs. If declare plays hearts before clubs. East will win and continue hearts. Then when declarer plays ace and another club, East can draw the remaining trumps and cash the whole diamond

But after ace and another club, declarer is in control. If the defence play another diamond he can then duck a heart, but even if the distribution is the hypothetical one above he later cashes are of hearts. takes a spade ruff in hand and runs clubs - East makes only three hearts and a

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

a. An immigrant worker b. An Alpine fiddle

a. An Austrian strawberry

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ZIGEUNER

c. A gypsy SEHNSUCHT

meringue

b. Without meaning

c. Wistful longing

By Philip Howard SOGDIAN

a. A monophysite heretic b. From Samarkand c. A calcium crystallite

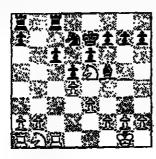
WAPPIE a. A card game b. A bamboo raft c. A straw mattress

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Benjamin — Christian-sen, US Championship 1997. In this endgame position, Black has deliberately left his pawn on of available for capture. He has calculated 1 Rich Nixes 2 Rich Rich 3 dateS Rei mate and 1 Nacts- Kdb and the white knight is pinned on

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Frustrations of life on the bench

or me the 1996-97 season began with a dip in fortunes, but ended on that unbelievable high in Durban. In between it was, in an England context, frustrating because I spent most of the time on the bench.

During the five nations' managed the princely total of 43 minutes on the field. Against Ireland, although a lot was made of the three minutes Austin Healey and I were on, the hard work had already been done. I took the euphoria with a pinch of salt. The Wales game was different. When I saw that Jon Sleightholme was in trouble, my heart sank. Wing was the last place I wanted to go on, because you feel so exposed. I'd played there for Bath eight years earlier and hated it - I've done nothing worse in rugby. So I went over and told him he couldn't come off and tried to gee him up, but, when he told me he couldn't see out of his

left eye, I knew the game was up - and I was on. Once on the pitch, I didn't think too much about it. Whatever decisions I made in defence I made quickly and stuck by them, and when I got the ball I decided I was simply going to run into space. As it worked out things went extremely well, but give me. centre any day. It was a charmed 40 minutes, even if I was like a scared cat running

purely on instinct. However, while all's well that ends well, the early signs last season were not good. During the summer a provisional England squad had been announced with a number of the old lags myself. Dean Richards, Rory Underwood, Brian Moore, Will Carling, Jon Callard, Graham Dawe - all omined. It amused me when I saw the form come through from the England management saying that we had been omitted on the grounds that they knew what we could do. How that made us any different from any of the others in the squad with ten or 15 caps - presum-ably they also knew what they

could do - is beyond me. However, that sort of approach is something you come to expect from the RFU; so, at the time I did not see it as a



A moment of Guscott's inspiration against Wales in March

make me think, Oh crumbs, I'm determined to play really well this season just to prove people wrong. It was just something I accepted.

Obviously one of the main factors in my being relegated to the bench by England was the appointment of my Bath colleague and centre partner, Phil de Glanville, as captain of England, I used

to say to him, "The only way get the England job is if you are captain, because there's no other way you're going to get in", and Phil used to smile in his

knowing sort of way. Deep down Phil is very. his years at Bath, and I know very competitive and a strongminded individual. In many ways the banter coming out was good because it dissolved some of the tension.

The day before it was announced officially, he was on a golf course with "Sleights" and Jon Callard but I already knew because Phil had phoned me up and said that Jack Rowell, the England coach who had made his name in the glory days at Bath, had made him captain. I congratulated him there and then, but I realised immediately that it was now a straight race between Will Carling and myself

great setback and nor did it for the other centre position. If I'm honest, based purely on the way I'd been playing I thought I'd get the nod. I considered that it would also be in my favour that I'd been playing centre where Will had been playing fly half. A further factor was that I'd been playing outside centre for England and Bath where Will normally

played inside centre. As soon as Jack called me ['As soon as knew I had lost out to Will, Jack Rowell because he had no other reason called I knew to call. "Helio." said Jack, and I I'd lost thought, 'Oh yeah, it's you'. I out to Will' Was

because I know Jack well from he always likes to put the emphasis on others to do the talking. He said: "We've picked Will." I maintained my silence. He said, "What are you doing - counting up to ten? I think my answer was along the lines of "more like a

silent

thousand". And guess what? There and then, I couldn't be bothered to ask him why. The way I saw it, the decision had been made in selection and, disappointed as I was, no amount of explanation over the telephone was going to make me feel any better or

change the situation. Later that day I got a lift to training with Mike Catt. Callard, Sleights and Phil. Phil, who has an input in selection but no vote, had an inkling that I was out, because Jack had bounced it off him. I admitted to them that I'd had the phone call from Jack. Phil apart, the boys couldn't believe it. Phil, who was in a no-win situation, said: "So that's the way he's gone — never mind." What else could he say?

When we got to England training at Bisham Abbey Will and I looked at each other and shrugged, as if to say, "So that's the way it is". I wasn't the only disappointed man at England training that day. Kyran Bracken had been ousted in favour of Andy Gomarsall - but my disappointment was different because I was an experienced player being dropped by his country for the first time. I can't measure it against the other setbacks I've had in life because, quite simply, I don't tend to dwell on them. But I do remember being surrounded by the massed ranks of the rugby media and vowing to myself, Terminator-style, 111

The most difficult question to answer was the one they all asked: "Has Jack told you why he left you out?" As I mentioned, I hadn't asked him when he made the dreaded phone call. Subsequently, throughout the autumn games I was hoping that the moment would come when I could say to him. Come on, give me the real reason why you left me out". That moment never arose, and to this day I don't know all the whys and wherefores.

Phil, Jack and I have a history - although I wasn't really involved: during the 1995 World Cup Phil gave Jack a really hard time when there were suggestions that I was off form and that he should be given his chance. I can understand his frustration because he had been on the bench for two seasons. Now I've been on it for one, and when I give him a hard time he tells me: "You just keep that bench warm."

 Extracted from The Lions Diary
by Jeremy Guscott, published by Michael Joseph today at £16.99

Mark Herbert meets the young angler aiming to land a medal for England

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Hooked on a feeling that could produce gold

hink of anglers on a beach and images spring to mind: solitary types, laden under rods and ruckwearing anoraks and bibble-hats; men. Emma Davies wears the gear and carries the tackle, but one glance tells you she des not fit the stereotype. She is 18. Her looks and youth

law comment, but her achievements are more remarkable. This ek, when the world shore fining championships come to Kint, perhaps England's strongest hepe of winning an individual medal in the women's tournament rets upon her slim shoulders.

angling may be a pastime when it concerns kids dabbling in rokpools with a bent pin and colk, but match fishing is a fiercely conpetitive sport. It is the cutting edge, where tackle and techniques ar endlessly refined, secrets jeal-ously guarded and where there is nd substitute for experience and witercraft. Not a place, then, for a girl, particularly in an arena that can be stiflingly chauvinistic.

In fact, Davies loves it. This will be her second world champion-ship; last summer, in Ireland, she became England's youngest internationa when, at 17, she trod the strands of Wicklow, helping the women: team to win the silver medal. The came eighth overall. The mer won the team championship and Chris Clarke, who has surrendeed his title to help orga-nise this /ear's event, the individ-

Asked about her individual chances. Davies is guarded. Match filhing is a lottery, she explains; luck of the draw determines weether you get a peg teeming vith fish, or a desert. You think of the team first and last. Individual medals are just a

She caries a trump card, however. The championships are being hell around Dover and Deal, her some town. Davies first became hoked, as it were, at the age of 11, while tagging along with her father Mick, a match angler of some starting locally, at competitions on tiese beaches

Since ler England place was confirmed last year, she has spent much of her spare time practising. Such an ecuse to hang up a Gone



Can'th of the day: Davies hauls a wrasse out of the rough ground during a practice session on Samphire Hoe, near Dover. Photograph: Chris Eades

Fishin' sign sounds like an idler's dream, but for her it has been the opposite. In June, she passed A levels, enabling her to start a degree course in industrial relations at the University of Kent once the championships finish and then took a part-time job to pay her

We met at Samphire Hoe, the new concrete promenade under the cliffs of Dover created from spoil from the Channel Tunnel. She had given up the job a week.

glean tips and insight into every section of each championship venue. She took a wrasse with her first cast and followed it with a steady stream of fish.

Did the non-stop grind get her down? "I've been fishing every day for the past month," she said. Time is flashing by and there are so many variables — weather, frustrated if I can't practise.

"It was the same in Ireland; you rum on adrenalin all week. I was before and begun serious training, under pressure because of my age, chasing the tide day and night to but the team spirit was very good

and they looked after me. When we won the silver [England's first women's world team medall, it was such an emotional moment. I'd love to win this time. It would make everything worthwhile."

Standing in the way are France, the champions. "They out-cast us in Ireland," she said. "That made the difference." Casting, the act of propelling the bait and sinker out can belt a 60z lead weight more than 300 yards. The farther you

theory. Mick and Steve Allmark, a Dover local who is in the England men's team, have been helping to improve her technique.

She pays tribute to her father, standing quietly in the background, who is her coach, mentor and paymaster. Her trip to Ireland last year cost him £1,000. Even on home ground, she has to pay £200 towards accommodation, entrance onships may be coming home, but they have received minimal backing. The England teams have a kit rods, reels and accessories that Davies uses have been paid for from family coffers. It is an ironic situation. She has

reached the top in Britain's most popular sport, but because it has no organised voice, no household names, a dubious public profile and little financial clout, she is small fry on the grand sporting scale here. In the United States, can make a good living from tackle endorsements, videos, magazine columns and big-money matches,

WOMEN: Tomorrow: Deal and Sandown beaches, 1900-2300 Oct 15: Samptille Hoe 1100-1500 18: Phroe's Parade, Seabrook and Hythe, 2100-0200. 17: Sandwich Sandown and Deal beaches, 2130-0200

England teams

There have been other struggles, was OK," she said, "but I began winning matches and people accused us of cheating, saying that he was helping me. Now I'm older, er. I'm still winning, so that's shut them up and now dad only gets stick when I beat him."

horrendously sexist sport. Men resent being beaten by a woman. No, it doesn't spoil her eniovment. Yes, the language can be bad. No, it doesn't offend her. She's used to it. Yes, people say she'll grow out of fishing, go out, Has she?

"I have a good social life, I go down the pub or see friends when I want to," she says. Boyfriends? I'm not seeing anyone at the moment. My fishing comes first. Not everybody understands that."

The tide has dropped and the fish have stopped bitting. She stares out to sea, blue-grey eyes sweeping over blue-grey Channel waters. This is what I love, the moments of peace and quiet after you've been concentrating so

Her father drifts over, suggesting that it's time to go home. Dinner first, then a night session, fishing the tide up at Walmer Castle. A little wearily, she starts bundling up her rods and tackle. but the spring is back in her step as she marches down the prom.

Surrey bolster crusade to tap inner-city talent

BY JOHN GOODBODY

most fruitfu youth coaching systems in cunty cricket over recent years There were nine graduates fom the Nescafé scheme in he Surrey squad this year, including the Hollioake bothers and Mark Butcher, al of whom were selected by Ingland.

Yet the drive to popularise the sport it inner cities re-mains uncessing. The cricket season may have only just finished, but you would not have believed this at Granton Primary School, in Lambeth. last week, where, in autumnal sunshine, the first of six sessions was being held amid rare zest and interest. Surrey have formally taken

over responsibility for coach-ing in the South London boroughs of Lambeth, Southwark, Wandsworth and Croydon, a total of 320 primary, secondary and special needs schools. From this term, Surrey are directly helping to fund the development of the game in these schools. Tony Moody, whose coach-

ins experience stretches from Zinbabwe to South London, locks on the game as a unifying force. "I want young-sters to feel the joy that the gane can bring, to under-stand cricket so that even if some of them don't play it in future, they still have an inlling of what the game is about. It is a transfer of interest from the mental to the spiritual," he said.

It is not easy introducing ricket to primary school chidren, although Granton,

SURREY have had one of the _unlike many similar inner-city schools, at least possesses a grass area on site for sport. Mini-activities are constructed, rather than a formal game,

with the emphasis on as much activity as possible. The object is not to let any of the children get bored. At Granton school, they certainly did not. Amid whoops of joy, balls were bowled and caught and the youngsters queued up for



their turn. Emma Nicholls, one of the teachers, said: "The children do see it as a treat having someone from outside the school. They enjoy the status of it."

Gareth Townsend, the development officer for London with the Surrey Cricket Board. said: "The children's eyes light up when a coach walks into a school. They are ready to

After the introductory six sessions by the visiting coach, the teacher is encouraged to continue the instruction, with the emphasis on the basic skills of catching and throw-ing. What can kill the initia-

five is if everything is packed away after the visiting coach finishes his course." Towns-

Alex Townsend, 9, clearly revelled in the experience. "I am only OK at batting. I am better at bowling, but I have to bowl it so that the person batting is able to hit the ball. otherwise it is not much fun." The scheme in inner

London allows the identification of outstanding youngsters, who are then encouraged to attend the indoor cricket school once a fortnight at the Oval, as part of the Nescafe coaching scheme. From September next year,

in Southwark, there will be a scholarship system for outstanding youngsters from the feeder primary schools to at-tend Kingsdale Secondary School Youngsters will be guaranteed a place and will also receive coaching at the

Townsend sald: "The greatest difficulty within London is to get the progression between the ages of 12 and 18. Lambeth does not have a proper cricket ground, apart from the Oval. and so most of the teams are wandering ones. It is not always easy to tell little Johnny - or little Jane - where

they can play."

To find the successors of the Hollioakes and Butchers is not the only task for Surrey and this inner-cities initiative. What is even more important is to encourage youngsters to acquire a feel for the sport, to understand the rapture that it



Moody wants inner-city children to share his great joy in a unifying game

double celebration

GREG HANCOCK became only the fifth rider to take the world championship and British League riders' champlonship titles in the same season, at Odsal Stadium in Bradford on Saturday. The league riders' champ-

ionship matches the top rider from each of the ten Elite League clubs, plus six seeded riders. Hancock, from Covenrive qualified for the final in second place, behind Tony Rickardsson, but he was quickest from the start line in the decider and led all the way from the first turn.

In achieving the double, Hancock emulated Erik Gundersen, his former Cradley Heath team-mate, who achieved the feat 12 years ago. Barry Briggs, Ole Olsen and Hans Nielsen are the others to win the double since the riders' competition was launched in 1965.

Hancock, 27, said: "1 thought: Wow, I've made the history books." I'm pleased with that, because this is a prestigious event; it's a title that is very hard to get a hold of. Billy Hamili has led the averages all season and hasn't

Hamili, second in the world championship, behind his Team Exide partner, was leading the semi-final and seemed on course for a place in the decider when his engine blew up. "My bikes have been reliable and that was my first blow-up of the season," Hamill said. He added that the Italian-made GM engine was beyond repair. "It's always disappointing to lose, but it is worse when it's

something like that." Yet Hamill was fortunate to

qualify for the semi-final at all after being excluded from his second ride for touching the starting tape as he tried to anticipate the start. He also ran last in his third outing, but three brilliant wins in his other rides saw him through, Rickardsson, the Swedish rider who signed for Ipswich midway through the season and was seeded to the event after an impressive run of form, finished second. Chris Louis fought his way past Simon Wigg, of King's Lynn. who was a surprise qualifier for the final, to take third

Junior tour expands further

HE DEVELOPMENT of the Daihatsu Junior Golf Tour (JGT) into one of the country? leading competitions for young golfers is to take another step forward in 1998. For the first time, a Scottish regional tour is to be played, another first is the inauguration of a girls' tour and the itineraries, just announced, reveal that even more of the United Kingdom's best courses are to be visited by players in the five circuits

within the overall tour. It has become almost commonplace for the JGT, which

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ation with The Times, to call at some of the greatest courses in Great Britain and Northern Ireland, but next year will be the best yet. Players on the national tour will play on three Open Championship courses - Royal Birkdale will be played less than a fortnight after the Open finishes.

"Any professional golfer would be happy to be playing on the courses that we will be Mei webb explains why young gollers

visiting next year," Colin Springate, the tournament director, said. "It is a testament to the behaviour of the boys who have played on the tours to date that these clubs are happy to welcome us. Word has clearly got around that the JGT is something that clubs should be happy to be associated with."

David Leadbetter, the patron of the Tour, has been anxious for some time that a circuit should be set up for girls and, after two successful pilot tournaments this year. Springate has now set up a four-tournament circuit for them. The girls' tour will consist of 42 players, who will be asked to play in three out of

the four tournaments, and they will have a separate competition in the Tournament of Champions event to be held at Chart Hills, in Kent, in November next year. Springate has also respond-

ed to a clear demand for a tour from young Scottish players. Unlike the boys' tours in England, which have 72 players in each division, the Scottish division will offer places to 60 players and, if the English model is an indicator, it will be healthily over-subscribed.

Springate, who ran the JGT at his own expense until Daihatsu became involved for the first time this year, is convinced that the standards of behaviour that have been set by players in the JGT is a prime reason for clubs' willingness to stage tournaments. Players are not allowed to smoke during JGT events, they are not allowed to drink alcohol or play on garning machines and the only earrings that will be seen will be worn by the girls. "Junior golfers haven't always had the

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will be playing on three Open courses best reputation and by setting high standards we hope we can do something to break down the prejudice," Sprin-

gate said. Entry qualifications for the four boys' tours are that prospective players should be single-figure handicap members of golf clubs and that they will be 18 or under on January 1, 1998. Applicants for the girls'

Anybody interested in playing on any of the English tours should write to the Daihatsu Junior Golf Tour at PO Box 3227, Christchurch, Dorset

BH23 8YN, while Scottish applicants should apply to the tour at PO Box 14468, Glenrothes, Scotland KY6 3YE. All applicants should enclose a first-class stamped addressed A4 envelope. Information and entry packages will be sent out from November 1.

handicap of 20 or under.

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THE TIMES DILLONS FORUM

An evening with Kevin Keegan

Times/Dillons forum on Thursday October 16 In London with Kevin Keegan, the former manager of Newcastle United. Keegan, who was also an England international footballer, will be the star speaker on a panel which will include Oliver Holt, football correspondent of The Times. Among



the topics for discussion are details of Keegan's sudden departure from Newcastle last season, his views on modern management, his return to football with Fulham and England's World Cup prospects.

The forum marks the publication of Keegan's My

Autobiography (Little Brown £16.99) and will be held at 7.30pm. Admission price is £10 (concessions £7.50) and includes £2 off the price of the book. There will also be an opportunity for the audience to put questions to him.

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Second Empire extends influence

AT LONGCHAMP

UNABASHED by the imperious Peintre Celebre, Second Empire yesterday became the second colt in a week to claim the Bois de Boulogne as his own dominion. The unbeaten Irish juvenile preserved his record in the Grand Criterium, matching his undoubted flair with a gritty ambition that entitled Ladbrokes to cut its 2,000 Guineas favourite to 3-1 from 5-1.

Autumn is the season that most reminds us of the effervescence of nature's glories and, having been afforded one fleeting glimpse of brilliance on a golden afternoon just seven days earlier, it seemed a bit greedy to expect more of the same in the driving rain and cloying mud yesterday.

Sure enough. Second Empire could only hint at the flamboyance that had characterised his previous visit here for the Prix des Chenes last month. The Criterium had

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: TARXIEN (4.00 Leicester) Next best: Abuhail (3.00 Leicester)

been delayed by three hours because of a stable lads' strike. 50 vehicles having blockaded the exit of horseboxes from Chantilly. But if anyone was entitled to protest about working conditions, it was

Second Empire himself. Michael Kinane, his jockey. confirmed that he "hated the ground" - but the Fairy King colt nonetheless quickened discernibly and decisively to seize the initiative from Alboostan over a furlong out Charge D'Affaires, who has rubbed shoulders so laboriously with the top French colt. Xaar, went in pursuit. But he could offer no other challenge than, indirectly, to Xaar, who tackles the Thoroughbred Corporation Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket on Saturday.

On a day when it would have been entirely excusable to be thinking in terms of towels. Second Empire had thrown down only the gaunt-The next three in Ladbrokes' 2,000 Guineas betting contest the Dewhurst Daggers Drawn, quoted at 5-1



Second Empire and Kinane leave Charge D'Affaires toiling in the group one Grand Criterium over a mile at Longchamp yesterday

for next spring, Xaar (6-1) and

Central Park (10-1). Aidan O'Brien, Second Empire's trainer, said: "He nearly broke the course record here on faster ground, but couldn't show why here. Yet he quickened and Mick never touched him. He's a class act."

There is now an air of conviction about the young Irishman's quest for a first British classic. He protested that he would be "too fright-Dr Fong supplies winning formula

DR FONG stamped himself as a horse to

keep in mind for next season's big races

with his victory in the listed McGee Group Autumn Stakes at Ascot on

Saturday. Despite encountering much softer ground than he had for his first

race, he defeated Equity Princess by half

Equity Princess was the early leader

and regained the advantage turning into

the straight, but was gradually worn down by the Henry Cecil-trained winner.

cil said. "He is very

with King Of Kings, but it is difficult to imagine yesterday's winner - such a competitive animal - sharing those

Second Empire duly sustains the remarkable venture of Michael Tabor, whose extravagant alliance with Coolmore has yielded a succession top-class performers. A month ago, their horses dominated the ante-post classic picture, but defeat since for turning their dreams to ashes Kilimanjaro and Arkadian at Ascot a couple of weeks ago.

Hero, and surgery for King Of Kings, had put the pressure firmly on Second Empire.

Tabor and his team know that, every now and then, it all falls into place — as when Entrepreneur justified a win-ter of talk in this year's Guineas. But he, too, has since become a failen idol. He failed in the Derby but deceived connections that the embers still glowed, before finally turning their dreams to ashes

green but potentially quite nice. The race

should improve him. He'll be put away

Cecil reported that Daggers Drawn,

who puts his unbeaten record to the test

in the Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket on

Saturday, is in top form. "He is working

nicely. Now that the ground has changed he is really letting himself go. He was looking after himself before. I'm encour-

Craigsteel, who tired when beaten in

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GOING: SOFT TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

the Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot 15 days

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aged by him."

A lesson in the fragile brilliance of a racchorse, he has now been retired to stud at Coolmore, Michael Stoute unwavering in his conviction that he had trained "an excep-

tional colt". Likewise off to enjoy the fruits of his labours is Royal Applause, who lent some distinction to a mediocre season for sprinters - particularly when racing over six furlongs. Scintillating in the Haydock Park Sprint Cup, he con-

ago, was nominated by Cecil as his

candidate for the Racing Post Trophy at

Cecil will not run Dushyantor in the

Canadian International in Toronto this

weekend as the colt is off-colour with a

temperature. "I'm sure he'll be all right

for a race like the Japan Cup later in the

Doncaster on Saturday week.

firmed himself vulnerable over the minimum trip in the Prix de l'Abbaye, though signing off with a very fine third. He is off to the Queen's Sandringham stud in Norfolk.

The royal colours are to be carried in the Melbourne Cup by Arabian Story, but he will no longer be accompanied by Clerkenwell. Anthony Stroud. Sheikh Mohammad's racing manager, said: "He won't run as he scoped badly on Saturday. It's disappointing. because he looked the right sort of horse for the race and had a good preparation. We thought he had a good weight, and it would have been a new challenge, a new frontier."

Another of the Sheikh's best horses to miss his autumn target because of a setback was Stowaway, an eleventh hour scratching from the St Leger. He has been supplemented, at a cost of £24,000, to the Dubai Champion Stakes at Newmarket on Saturday in lavish sponsorship.

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BETTINGS 4-7 Court Lane, 3-1 Spinnoid, 13-2 Lady From Limerick, 20-1 Rune, 25-1 Ania Lady, 33-1. E B Anica Lady 1716th to Marca Luna in 1m Hamilton martin (good).

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COURT LANE is taken to tulk this promise of her line run at New 2.50 ARRAN CONDITIONS STAKES 1 (2) 3-08105 RIGHT WRIS 14 (0.5) (and Cadopard W Hoot 9-5 G Defield 9 Line 14 (0.5) (and Table 2 Likepiser) A Basing 9-3 G Defield 9 Line 14 (20.5) (b) Tabor 8 Mrs. J Magnetic A Basing 9-3 G Defield 9 Line 14 (20.5) (b) HASHMAN KZ (2) (b) (c) in a Mashman D Defice 9-3 Line 14 (20.5) (c) 40-201 MISSHARAK KZ (5) (c) in a Mashman D Defice 9-3 Line 14 (20.5) (c) 40-201 MISSHARAK KZ (5) (c) in a Mashman D Defice 9-3 Line 14 (20.5) (c) 40-201 MISSHARAK KZ (6) (c) in a Mashman D Defice 9-3 Line 14 (20.5) (c) 40-201 MISSHARAK KZ (6) (c) in a Mashman D Defice 9-3 Line 14 (20.5) (c) 40-201 MISSHARAK KZ (6) (c) in a Mashman D Defice 9-3 Line 14 (20.5) (c) 40-201 MISSHARAK KZ (6) (c) in a Mashman D Defice 9-3 Line 14 (20.5) (c) 40-201 MISSHARAK KZ (6) (c) in a Mashman D Defice 9-3 Line 14 (20.5) (c) 40-201 MISSHARAK KZ (6) (c) in a Mashman D Defice 9-3 Line 14 (20.5) (c) 40-201 MISSHARAK KZ (6) (c) in a Mashman D Defice 9-3 Line 14 (20.5) (c) 40-201 MISSHARAK KZ (6) (c) in a Mashman D Defice 9-3 Line 14 (20.5) (c) 40-201 MISSHARAK KZ (6) (c) in a Mashman D Defice 9-3 Line 14 (20.5) (c) 40-201 MISSHARAK KZ (6) (c) in a Mashman D Defice 9-3 Line 14 (20.5) (c) 40-201 MISSHARAK KZ (6) (c) in a Mashman D Defice 9-3 Line 14 (20.5) (c) 40-201 MISSHARAK KZ (6) (c) in a Mashman D Defice 9-3 Line 14 (20.5) (c) 40-201 MISSHARAK KZ (6) (c) in a Mashman D Defice 9-3 Line 14 (20.5) (c) 40-201 MISSHARAK KZ (6) (c) in a Mashman D Defice 9-3 Line 14 (20.5) (c) 40-201 MISSHARAK KZ (6) (c) in a Mashman D Defice 9-3 Line 14 (20.5) (c) 40-201 MISSHARAK KZ (6) (c) in a Mashman D Defice 9-3 Line 14 (20.5) (c) 40-201 MISSHARAK KZ (6) (c) in a Mashman D Defice 9-3 Line 14 (20.5) (c) 40-201 MISSHARAK KZ (6) (c) 40-201

BETTING: 9-4 Mesharal, 5-2 Right Wing, 11-4 Ricky Tacky Tacks, 7-2 Ber's Ruby, 33-1 Thraffel Widow, 1899: NO CORRESPONDING RACE Plight Wing 41 3rd to Crimens Tide in 1m Bas states (good to firm); previously 4347 7th to Hawksley Hill in 1 Sandown band-new course and distance (sold); previously bear Radiancy neck in 77 Chefer maden (sold); previously bear Radiancy neck in 77 Chefer maden (sold). Reviously bear Radiancy neck in 77 Chefer maden (sold) which was a Silver Kristel 61 in 77 Kermpton maden (good); previously 181 81 in Rock Falcon in 77 Lingfield madein (good). Ricky Ticky Tayle bear Barmburgh 80 191 in 77 Rickar madein states (good to firm).

RIGHT WING his solid form in competitive races and acts on t 3,20 MINISHANT NURSERY HANDICAP -Y-C: £3,074: 1m) (15 runners)

1 (12) 4851 845301 18 (D.F) (5 Minners) M. Advanter 9-7

2 (11) 8321436 WHRSOME GEORGE OF (C.G.) (C Barber-Lorons) C Farthurst 9-8

3 (8) 0134320 MRORELON 44 (8) (P Smith) R Horizontheral 9-9

4 (1) 510541 FASHON WCTM2 24 (CD.F.S) (R Jones) T Caldwell 9-5

5 (9) 02145 R.OM BY 24 (F) (Hearnoods Stord) J Durlop 9-0

5 (7) 08/0041 BURNIT YATES 19 (9) 10 Rany M. W Easterby 8-12

7 (10) 33302 TEMANWAY 24 (A Colliss) J Whits 8-12

9 (8) 080 DESTANDER 18 (Brave Maple Partmenticy) J Estimate 8-12

1 Thin 9 (8) 644 DURAN 45 (H of-Motomers) J Durlop 9-9

4 (1) 0005 DESTANDER 18 (S Diansoner) P Hashme 8-11

1 (1) 0005 FALKENBERG BT (B Yearder) Continents Ltd) M. Johnston 8-7

(C Lorwither (B) 10 C. Lorwither (B) 10 (2-Y-0: £3,074: 1m) (15 runners)

SETTING: 7-2 North, 5-1 Semi Ville, 7-1 Touristy, 5-1 Festion Victim, Flor By, 10-Adqueton, Fell 1996: EESERAL'S STAR 8-15 N Computer (5-1) M Stocks 7 H

DURAR is capable of better and Fallon in an interesting to 3.50 ERICAS SOTH ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP (£4,055; 1m 2f 192yd) (10 runners)

(E4,055: 1m 2i 192yd) (10 runnisis)

1 min -211005 ALBAHA 72 (UK Packagang Scopies Un) J Banks 4-8-10 J Doton (198)

2 (2) 0123000 MANFUL 14 (B.CD,F.S) (C Bachar-Lorner) Mass L Parasi 5-8-8 Q Outlied 70

3 (7) 21-2502 ALAYAS 16 (B.G) (H al-Mateure) J Donton 3-8-8 J Renaing 78

4 (4) 3-6440 ZAMER 117 (D Banks) W Storry 3-9-3 J Renaing 78

5 (5) 2312(65 SHAFTESHAYES 23 (F.G.S) (F Brown) Mrs M Renaing 3-3 ben Michaeum 78

6 (6) 2822004 PEKAY 5 (F) (Mr & Mrs Holdstori) M Johnston 4-8-13 D Holland 98

7 (8) 1201004 Halt FARM BULES 9 (F.G.) (D Neutro) W M Bistonum 4-8-12 K Fellon 70

8 (8) 30-1345 STORMLESS 14 (C.F.G.S) (D S. Clain) J Bootin 6-8-5 T Williams 98

8 (3) 641125) PHILMST 25 (B.CD,G.S) (C Basher-Lorner) Miss L Permit 5-7-1 M Kennedy 38

10 (1) 3581440 SHG AND DANCE 14 (F) (Mrs M Mapley) E Weymas 4-7-10 P Perseny (3) Long transferay: Stag And Clance 7-4 BETTAGE 9-2 Alpyto, 6-1 Altoho, Polary, 7-1 Hall Farm Blues, Polimini, 6-1 Manhal, Smithwayes, 12-1 cibers. 1888: STOPORLESS 5-7-12 J Brambil (6-1 far) P Mocketh 9 cm

Albaha 241 3nt to fillemen in 1m 4f Thiss handicap (good) Mandio 251 13th to Tolero Denote in 1m 4f annihm handicap (good) Alayib 4d 2nd to Safeya In 1m 21 13yd Haydock filles handicap (good to firm). Zaahit 691 4th to Kord in 1m Thinsk mades (good) o penultimate start. Sheffishayes 5½5 5th to Top Cess in 1m 5f Ayr handicap (good to soft) Pakay 4dh to McGillycuddy Reeks to 1m 21 York handicap (good). His Form Blues 21 4m to Chewtherthich in 1m 18 Notingham conditions states (good to limit). Stormiess 3941 5th to Shortaje in 1m Hamilton handicap (good) with Sing And Cance (6th worse off). Bigh. Philmist beat Mijorhywinis. 114i in 1m 21 122yd Ayr amaleur handicap (good to soft).

Alay16's Haydock second is a cut above anything also hell

4.20 FAILFORD SELLING STAKES (E2,637: 1m Sf 13yd) (14 (IBINGIS)

1 (7) 0443210 GRAIGARY 14 (G) (J Chingar) Mrs A Sentimal 6-9-9 ... G Defined
2 (6) 0102003 FORZAR 7 (F) (C Bigler Partnership Ltn) J J O'Nells 7-9-9 ... G Defined
3 (13) 017/800 SR.VER FEARL 100 (V),DS (Costo E Scarrib Mrs A Nacython 9-9 J Septis
4 (3) 4506000 CDS NA PARRAIGE 42 (F) (T Finch) Miss L Perntt 4-9-4 ... P Fessey (3) 44
5 (5) 0000-50 FLYAMAY BLUES 1641 (F) (Carnoustic R C) Mrs M Reveloy 3 -4 S Copp (5) 7 (12) A050/0 GROG 14 (F) (Mrs J Ross) B Marbogast 19-4 ... J Carnot (12) A050/0 GROG 14 (F) (Mrs J Ross) B Marbogast 19-4 ... J Carnot (13) A050/0 GROG 14 (F) (Mrs J Ross) B Marbogast 19-4 ... J Carnot (13) A050/0 GROG 14 (F) (Mrs J Ross) B Marbogast 19-4 ... J Carnot (13) A050/0 GROG 14 (F) (Mrs J Ross) B Marbogast 19-4 ... J Carnot (13) A050/0 GROG 17 (B) (Mrs J Ross) B Marbogast 19-4 ... J Carnot (14) GS2800 NORTHERR FASH 274 (F) (K Les) F Marphy 3-8-10 ... Darm Multicom (14) GS2800 NORTHERR FASH 274 (F) (K Les) F Marphy 3-8-10 ... Darm Multicom (14) GS2800 ETROLIEK WROSO/0R 17 (W Scharro) M Ware 3-8-5 ... P Boackey (7) 44 SCTTING 7-2 Fezzel, 4-1 Once More For Luck, 11-2 Casigary, 6-1 Northern Flash, 7-8 Fyrancy Blues, Freinfer (13-10) Resemble (7-1) P Monitoln 5 one (22,637: 1m 5f 13yd) (14 runners)

Craigary beat Haverne Heights by 11/4 in 1m 41 Hamilton silling handscap (good) Forzair 41 3rd to Sibertan Mystic in 1m 41 Posterioral appreciate another good to farm), Silver Peer 51 last oil 12 in May King Mayhem in 1m 47 Cariste handscap (good). Forzair 41 3rd to Sibertan Mystic in 1m 47 Posterioral appreciate another good to farm), Silver Peer 51 last oil 12 in May King Mayhem in 1m 42 Art amateur handscap (good). Solden Fish 81/41 6th to 1art in 1m 21 Redox silling handscap (girn) with Eurolisis Windsong (19th better oil) 161 10th. Once More For Luck 131 17th to Water Flower in 1m 44 Newmarks (alarming stakes (good). Northern Flash 201 16th to Largeste in 1m 21 201/d Haydock handscap (good to solt). Showstopper 281 5th to Kingdom Pearl in 1m 41 Catienck handscap (good). Sweet Note 91/41 4th to Tyrolsan Dream in 1m 31 Hamilton miden (good).

FORZAIR is size to be thereabouts in a poor contest 4.50 AYR AUTUMN HANDICAP

(3-Y-0: £2,996: 1m 1f) (11 runners)

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

Bornie Lassie 20i 7th to Polar Champ in 1m 4f Wolvestampton handicap (standard). Delius best Pritids 1941 in 1m i 149yd Folkeston lifties marien (firm). Prost Bestieston 53i 3rd to 34-0ver 1m in Problemat handicap (good to limp). Zooka 13i 6th in Famoest in 1m 1 79yd Wolvestrampton handicap (standard). Tycenon Time 214i 5th to Scanols in 1m 3f 183yd elicester transicap (good). Hidden Agenda 934; 4df to Talkutah Belle in 1m 3f 30yd Karngton filhes undicap (good to limp). Bitifican 27 iast of 7 to Night Mirage in 1m 11 35yd Hamilton handicap (good) Fine 15i 11th to Nard Y Gampi in 15f Postelant claiming stakes (good to limp). Bean Roberto 94ii 9th to Pritimist in 1m 3f Ayr areatest handicap (good to soft). Gadroon 214i 3rd to Trying Times in 1m 65yd Hamilton handicap (got) DELLUA is the subject of good reports from Newmarket and can justily the tric up

COURSE SPECIALISTS

NEWTON ABBOT

2.10 Faustino. 2.40 Connaught Cracker. 3.10 Arnieh. 3.40 Gerry's Pride. 4.10 Northern Starlight. 4.40 Harlequin Walk.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

2.10 WIRNING POST RESTAURANT NOVICES CHASE (£2,805: 2m 5f 110yd) (4 runners)

1 -3#1 FAISTIND 14 67 P Hobbs 5-11-3 2 422- COOL WEATHER 151 (B) C Pourbass 9-10-12 Mr O McPhall (7) 2 255- TRANSDAY NIGHT 172 (S) P Nicholis 6-10-12 T J Morphy 4 25-3 STRATTOSI FLYER 128 H Hosel 7-10-7 B Powell 11-16 Fauction 15-9 Toursday Night, 4-1 Gool Weather, 8-1 Straton Payer

2.40 BANANA BOAT NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,232: 2m 1l) (8)

6-3 Contactal Crather, 7-2 Wild Native, 9-2 Small Lord, 11-2 Vinlage Classic. 10-1 Falestiare 14-1 Sourc Enterthia, Moor Class. 25-1 Indian Crown

3.10 DAVID VIGGERS COAL MERCHANTS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,323: 2m 110yd) (5)

BLINKERIED FIRST TIME: Ayr. 2.20 Lady From Limetick. 4.20 Northern Flesh Silver Peart. 4.50 Hidden Agenda, Leicester. 3.30 Parast. Gay Abandon. 4.00 Absolute Liberty. 4.30 Wild Sky Newton Abbot: 2.40 Music Class

3.40 REDSKINS HOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

4-5 Gerry's Prote 7-2 Measurery, 7-1 Terrory Cooper, 12-1 Blue Repetie, 14-1 Hillsonick, 16-1 Mu-Tadil, 25-1 Serve Nortick.

4.10 SAPPHIRE & DIAMOND NOVICES CHASE (£2,860· 2m 110yd) (6)

1 19-1 ASHWELL BOY 15 (D.F.B.S) P Hobbs 5-11-5 R Dominotoly
2 (P. MASTER BOMBER 300 9 Aloes 6-10-12 ... A Thomson
A P McGry
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A P McGry A P McCoy

5 /66 POOH STICK 215 A Frost 7-10-12 J Frost

6 68-3 THE EXECUTOR 20 (69 P) A O'Sulfren 7-10-12 D O'Sedwar

4-6 Actively Boy, 7-4 Northern Startegist, 14-1 Marstock, 25-1 Master Bomber The
Executor, 33-1 Pooh Stack

4.40 IRISH CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,953: 2m 1) (7)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRADMERS: P Hobbs, 50 wavers from 170 namers, 29.4%, M Pape, 101 from 378, 25.7%, P Necholt, 35 from 138, 25.4%, J Kang, 4 from 25, 16.0%, R O'Sulfiren, 5 from 32, 15.6%, R Hodges, 17 from 157, 10.8%.

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S FOUR MEETINGS

Ascot

Going: heavy
2.00 : 1m: 1 Dr Fong IK Faton, 9-4), 2.
Equity Princess (9-2) 3. Rabati (9-2)
Evency World (4th) 7-3 tay 4 ran, 5-1 13 H
Cool Tone 52 70, DF 54 40 CSF 59 62
2.30 (5h 1, Helmshera (Martin Dwyce 8-1),
2. Lord Krityre (6-1), 3 Els (8-1) Land Of
Dicans, 4-1 tay 13 ran NR: Regal RavoLyon, 4, 5-1 Bastong Tote 53,30 53 10
52 50, 52 30 DF 516 80 Trio 532 70, CSF
552 10
3.00 (1th 4h 1) DelBah to Prefer 4-11 2 552 10 3.00 (101 4): 1 Deldah (O Pedier, 4-1); 2. 5-co.: Process (5-2 tay); 3. Saaleys (11-2) 7-can 3. dk, M Stoute Toto 23 40 £1 90 £1 60 OF £3 40. CSF £12 15 7 ran 3, n.k. M Stuter Use 25 ab 27 ran 3, n.k. M Stuter Use 25 ab CSF £12 15 2.56 £16 DF £3 40. CSF £12 15 2.56 £17 1, 2 Arcselman (10-1); 3, Patsy Germes 12 2, Supriso Misson 7-2 lav. 15 ran Niv. 11; 8 Meeting Tote £16.10 £2.60, £2 90, £2.00 DF-£76.30 Tiol £92.70, CSF-£178.79 Tineast £900.57 4 10 f/lm 25) 1, Alexald (S Sanders 4-1) 2, Cugna r9-21, 3, Lemberio (14-1) Winter Romance 3 1 law 8 ran NR Darsch Reaccott, Estimal Heritage 9 1 2 W Jans Tote £5 90 £1 90, £1 30, £2 90, DF-£10.30, Tine £49.10 CSF-£19.77 Tineast: £204.23

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CSF £16.76
5.15 (fm 1 Rock Fatcon ID McKeown, 14-1), 2. O Factor (7-1); 3. Zurs (11-1), 4. Sycamore Bov (12-1) Myrife Quest 4-1 bav 16 ran NR: Desert Trade Durriner Golf Trine Welton Ansenal 2, 16 Lady Hernes Toth £30.20, £5.60, £22.0, £2.60, £3.10 QF £23.00 Trior £22.25, £50 €3.17 Theast £707.56

Jackpot. \$55,894.90. Placegot: £891.10

Bangor

Geingr good 2.10 (2m 44 hdie) 1, Toby (L Wycr, 8-1) 2, Jenne's Prospect (33-1); 3, Young Dabre-man (12-1) Johnny-K (5th) 9-4 har 11 ran Sh nd, 7 i G Richards Tote £8 80 £2 30 £5 80 £2.40 DF £117.80 Tho £331 40. CSF £215 86. CSP E215 86. 2.40 (2m 11 110yd ch) 1. Cookeen Hero (P Hobey, 5-2), 2, Fed On Oats (2-1 tax) Only two Irrished, 4 ran, NR: Sigma Run, 81, R Alner, Tote, 62 80, DF: 62.30, CSF: 67, 34

Aurer Tore, 12 out 07 12:30 CST 13:40 (2m 11 hele) 1, Thrower (C Maude, 8-1), 2. Solder Maik (7-1), 3. Seint Cell (9-4 lav) 8 ren. NR: Vertage Tattinger 12t, 14t S Brookshaw Tote 127, 50, 218 0, 519, 140 CSF 1240 0 CSF 249, 69, Tricast: \$131.54 249.09. (100 ch) 1. Top Javalin (R Groone 4-1): 2. Beyerd (7-2): 3. Ghia. Gnotragh: 10-1). Real Tonic 13-8 fax 6. Ent. 3: 12.3 N Hawle Totic 27-00, 22.10. 21.50 DF £12.40 CSF £17.18 4.15 (2m 4) 110_pd ch) 1, Latest Thyrne (8, Fenton, 6-1), 2, Forest Feather (12-1) 3, Royal York (7-4 fev) 8 ran. Hd. 2 kl. T. Forster Toter 25,70; 21 60, 52.20, £1.20, DF: 626 60, CSF, £63.03.

4.40 (7f) 1. Le-Fasch (R Hils, 7-4 lay); 2, Betsswing (10-1); 3 Chica (S-2) 5 ran 3, 7/1 BHill's (fore t2-40 t1 70, t2-40, DF, t8 70 SF, t1); 2 Bowl O's Gold (8-1), 3. BHill's (fore t2-40 t1 70, t2-40, DF, t8 70 SF, t1); 4 Hobbs, fora t12 10, t2 1 Placepot: £321 50 Quadpot: £8.10. Hexham

2.20 1, Pabble Beach (9-4); Z, Gwerne-yourhand (20-1), 3, Hobidi'z (9-2) Mister Ross 4-5 tav. 10 ran. NR: Eternal City 2.50 1, Eponine (8-11 lav), 2, for Masirah (6-4), 3, Fortune Hunter (40-1), 7 ran. 3.20 1, Pagarazzo (9-2), 2. Arcatodomus (33-1) 3. Super Guy (14-1) Battery Fired 9-4 fav 9 nan. 3,55 t, Palamon (2-1), 2 Flying North (7-4); 3 Jamescan Flight (6-4 favi. 6 ran 4.25 1. Classic Contact (4-1); 2. Tighter Budget (13-5 lav), 3. Walls Court (10-1), 7 ran

4.55 1 Dont Forget Curts (25-1) 2 Scarba (9-2), 3, Jubran (3-1) Bellindoo 2-1 tav 7 ran NR Menakli.

2.25 1, Captern Marmalade (5-1) 2. Grand Applause (10-1), 3, Fontanays (7-2) Marg 3oo 100-30 fev 11 ran. NR. Aldington Chappte 2.55 : The HPermy Marvel (20-1) 2. Pharare (11-10 kay): 3. Coq Herd Dencer (5-1) 7 ran NR. Cool Weather, Mr Strong Gale 3.25 1. Cassio's Bey (11-2), 2 Stram (10-1), 3. Euphonic Busson (11-2). Barnapour 2-1 lav. 8 ran. Bamapour 2-1 lav. 6 ran.
4.00 1 Indian Run (4-1), 2, Spring Surinse (5-1), 3, Supermick, (5-2), Dr. Rocket 7-4 fav. 5 ran NR. Frenc.
4.30 1 Destin D'Estruval (4-9 lav) 2, Monk's Solvan (100-30), 3 Andrelot (5-1) 3 ran NR. Finc Thyne, Lake Ot Loughrea.
5.00 1, Stema Creek (3-1); 2, Praint Ministrel (5-1); 3, Whytawhile (11-4 lav), 9 ran NR. Sound Appeal.

Company | Co 6-1 Year verd. 7-1 Mary 2-1- Bod Fatts. 8-1 Nates Komaile, 9-1 Backing H 10-1 Library, Graph's Kragina, Perpetual Light. 12-1 others

2.00 SHELDUCK FILLIES HANDICAP

(£3,561: 1m 8yd) (20)

LEICESTER

1.30 EBF HARE MADEN FILLIES STAKES (Div : 2-Y-0: £3,249: 71 Syd) (14 runners)

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.00 Asakir.

1.30 Water's Edge, 2.00 BOLD FAITH (nep), 2.30 Alfahasi. 3.00 Asakir. 3.30 Hiding Place, 4.00 Tanden, 4.30 Wild Sky, 5.00 La Nuit Rose.

DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.30 BADGER LIMITED STAKES (E3,183-1m Byd) (20) (E3, 183 1m 8yd) (20)

RII (13, 530) AFARAL 12 (D.F.) R Licroni Herghton 49-5 | J Red
302 (10, 2033 ZERMATT 9 (D.F.S.) M Urber 7-9-5 | N Adams
313 (10, 0002 CRIZLO 5 6.5.) M Existed 6-9-3 | W Ryan
234 (11) 9900 CENIRE DAN 13 / Pates 49-3 | J Baseled
335 (15, 0002 CRIZLO 5 6.5.) M Existed 6-9-3 | W Ryan
346 (11) 9900 CENIRE DAN 13 / Pates 49-3 | S Withherth
356 (16) 00-0 ZAALEF 9 / March 5-9-3 | W J ("Control
367 (20) 6510 FERN'S COVERNOR 20 (BF.D.F.S.) W Microso 5-9-2
367 (20) 6510 FERN'S COVERNOR 20 (BF.D.F.S.) W Microso 5-9-2
367 (20) 6510 FERN'S COVERNOR 20 (BF.D.F.S.) W Microso 5-9-2
367 (20) 6510 FERN'S COVERNOR 20 (BF.D.F.S.) W DOCTOR 69
367 (21) 1400 FERN'S COVERNOR 20 (BF.D.F.S.) W DOCTOR 69
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Sally Jones rediscovers the joys of ice skating in company with her six-year-old son, Roly

Look, mum, I can twizzle!'

hree decades after my last experience of skating with a group of like-minded tomboys, resplendent in rusty blades, striking out over ice a foot thick on a disused gravel pit, I decided it was time to try again. First time around, the sheer discomfort of the piercing Siberian winds and frequent falls obliterated most of the joy of learning to stand up and achieving the first short foray without a tumble.

My few outings on a proper rink, amid the 60s splendour of the "Silver Blades" in Birmingham, were marred by the taunts of the gangs of youths who skimmed around in predatory fashion, hands behind their backs. I longed to skate like them, nearly as much as I ached to do loud wolf-whisties. Sadly, I never mastered either accomplishment but when my six-year-old son, Roly, sat engrossed by the European figure-skating championships and demanded to learn to skate. "twizzling round and round like that man", the old yearning returned. I booked

a set of group lessons at Solihull Ice Rink, one of Britain's 30 major rinks and home of the Solihull Barons ice hockey side.

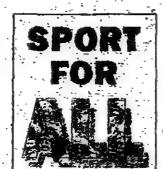
Arriving early we watched, fascinated, as half a dozen instructors put small groups of skaters through their paces; from rangy teenagers essaying elegant-looking leaps to finy, knobbly-kneed five-year-olds, skimming round backwards and crossing their feet on the corners. A look of murderous envy crossed Roly's face when the nearest child launched herself into an impressivelooking spn. folding her arms across her chest as she rotated faster and faster on the spot. She's twizzling Mummy, I want to

The hire skates proved something of a disappointment; chunky, navy-blue boots with knoted red laces, ideal for deterring would-be hieves but a world away from the fur-lined coffee-coloured creations

which Roly had hoped for.
"His first time, is it?" asked the motherly ady in a skate hire, producing several pairs of skates until she found one with newly ground edges for maximum control and a concave profile along the underside of the blades.

"Stops you slipping and belps you to do nice precise figures," she explained as she showed us how to lace the boots tightly up again. over the sakle for maximum support but more loosely over the shins. I thanked her, ... skate fast as possible to the other side of . `to start twizzling!"

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reflecting that for today, figures would probably take second place to getting round the rink in one piece.

To my surprise Roly positively dragged me onto the ice at the start of our session with Don Baker, a slight gentle man who specialises in coaxing even the most nervous beginners through the basics required for Grade One of the 10 basic

Sally Jones and her son Roly get their boots fitted

proficiency awards set by the National Ice

Our fellow beginners included Annie, a

out, leaning slightly forward. The first fall produced a brief crisis of tears but Don defused the situation by telling the whole

class to sit on the ice and practise getting

Grade 3 group. Further down the rink, an instructor was scrutinising the crisply curved outline of a "three" traced as

The idea of these basic grades is to get you to flow on skates," Don explained, "and to be aware of where your weight is and which edge you're on. After the first six grades, we suggest private essons to take you through to the more advanced levels, preliminary,

bronze, inter-silver, silver and up to gold. "Too old? Rubbish. One lady here took up skazing when she was nearly 40 and reached her inter-silver which was a real achievement. She's now 72 and still skates

poised looking lady with her six-year-old son Samuel in tow, a tough looking nine-year-old boy and a tiny five-year-old who had spent the first two weeks of her course Much encouraged, I enlisted the help of a friendly intermediate skater and after a string of falls managed a slightly wobbly

clinging to the rail.

After Roly insisted on holding my hand for the first few minutes, Don soon showed him how to glide forward, pushing off from the back foot, toes turned When after four sessions, Roly finally mastered the T-stop and achieved his Grade One certificate, he was as delighted as Torvill and Dean must have been with an Olympic gold and leapt two-footed into the air, whiring his arms like a dervish. Kneel up and stand from there, then Yest Now I've passed my test, I'm going



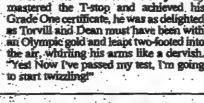
bravely attempted all the drills; souching his toes as he skimmed along two-footed, trying to lift one foot for as long as possible, while gliding on the other and even "doing fishes", pressing out on the ankles to send the skates curving outwards, and then back in again. "It's a good warm-up practice," explained Don, "because it makes everyone use their ankles and knees to get the momentum going." going."

Next came the T-stop. "Glide on one foot," Don commanded, "hands out in toot," Don commanded, "hands out in front of you as though you were riding a bike, then gently drag the other blade turned out at right angles, across the ice behind you and bring it up to the heel of your front foot so that you come to a controlled halt." I went flying at my first

attempt, digging in too hard and catching an edge, while Roly performed an involuntary spin which seemed to him more fun than stopping in a straight line.
"I'm twizzling Mummy!"
On our second session though, the stop came more learning to skate backwards, while staring enviously at the self-assured youngsters in the

> her pupil performed a one-foot turn from the front to back.

one footed turn.





COMPETITION

Competitive figure skating is split into men's, women's and pairs skating, while other disciplines include ice dance, popularised by Torvill and Dean. recreational skating, team precision skating and speed skating. Figure skating involves two programmes to music. In the short one eight prescribed elements must be skated; this accounts for a third of the overall the free programme, a choreographed four minute rounne incorporating as many elements as possible: a series of jumps and spins linked toeether with different step sequences. interpreting the music throughout. This provides the other two thirds of the marks which are awarded for technical merit and presentation



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Where to begin and what you need



Roly gets used to staying upright while Mum keeps up

BRITAIN boasts eight Olympie sized ice rinks (60m by 30m), plus 21 slightly smaller rinks, such as Solihull, which are suitable for national novice championships. There are another 40 smaller rinks of An estimated 14 million

people take to the ice at least none a year, and several million skate regularly, many in beginners' classes. Group sessions are recommended for newcomers as these work out much cheaper than individual lessons and are an equally effective way of learning the basics. All formal teaching at reputable rinks is done by qualified members of the British Ice Teachers Association.

EQUIPMENT: most beginners hire boots until they are certain they intend to skate regularly. They then choose appropriate leather boots and blades: ice dance boots for example are cut lower at the back to allow more freedom for particular moves while a reinforced blade is used for figure skating because of the extra stresses from the jumps and throws. Skaters should always be on one or other edge Road, Solihull, Wes rather than skating "flat". The lands. (0121-742 5561).

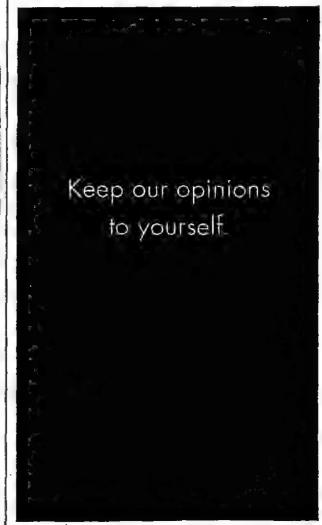
blades are ground to produce two sharp edges with a conblade has a toe rake where it curves up at the front to allow the skater to stop and gain upward impetus for spins and jumps. In training most skaters wear warm, unrestricting clothing, such as gloves, sweatshirts and reinforced skating tights but for competitions they wear custumes.

COST: skating boots vary massively in price from around £50 for a basic pair up to £500 for top-class competition boots. Most beginners would pay around £65 for reputable starter boots. Basic skating dresses and stretch trousers for competitions start at around £20 while reinforced tights are £10 upwards.

There is a wide variation in the cost of lessons too. Solihuli rink, for example, offers group sessions for an enrolment fee of E7 and a charge of £1.90 for each lesson. Skate hire is £1. Further information: the National Ice Skating Association, 15-27 Gee Street, London ECIV 3RE. (0171-253 3824) or Solibuli Ice Rink, Hobs Moat

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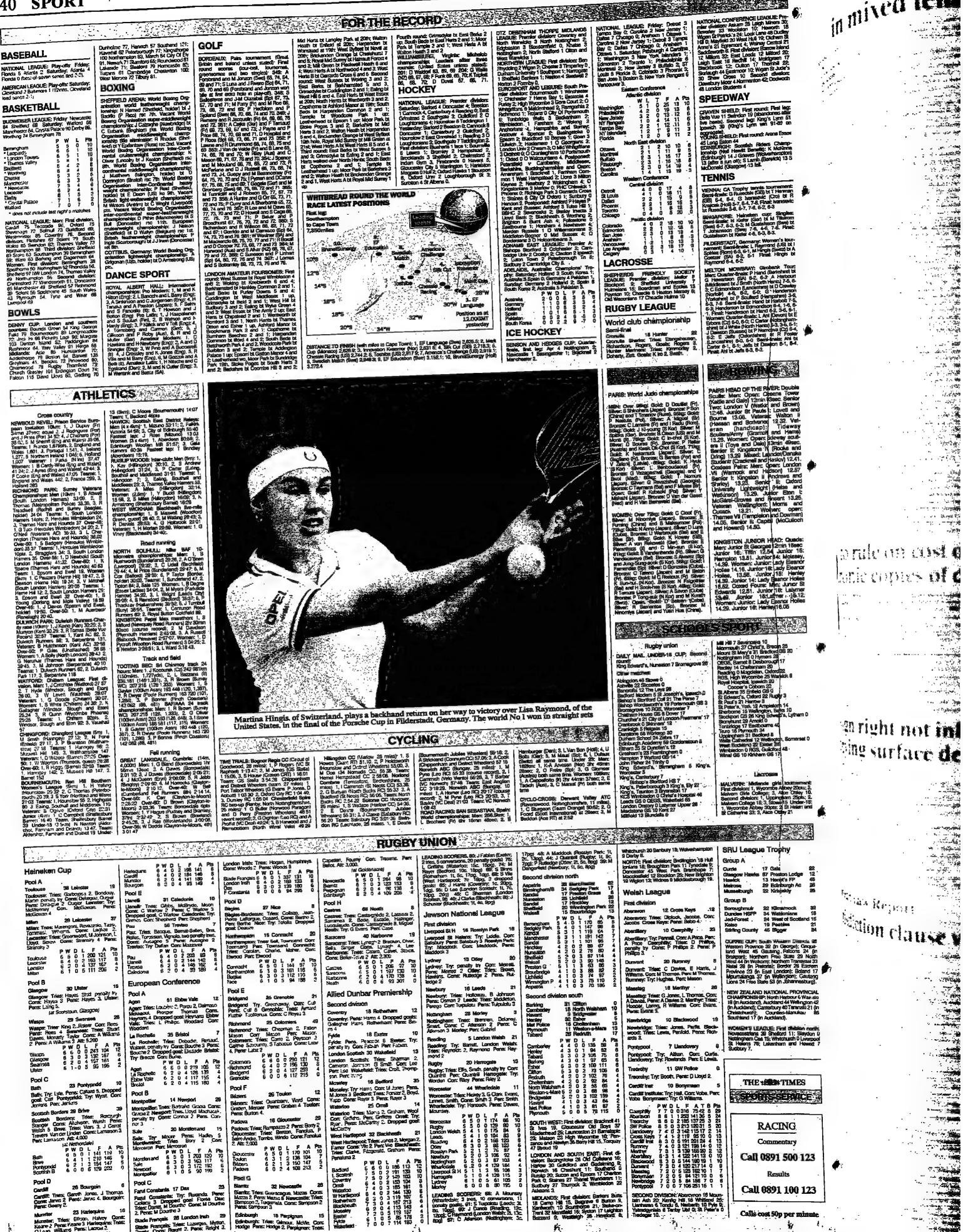
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Regina v Immigration Appeal Tribunal and Another.

Islam and Others v Secretary

Before Lord Justice Staughton,

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To qualify for refugee status on the ground of "membership of a particular social group" within article IA of the Geneva Conven-

tion and Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees (1951) (Cmd 9171) and (1967) (Cmnd 3906) the

members of the group had to share a common uniting attribute which set them apart from the rest of

society, which was recognised as

such by society generally, and

which existed independently of the

Accordingly. Pakistani women

who were accused of adultery and disobedience to their husbands.

who were unprotected by their

husbands or other male relatives

persecution under Sharia law, including, possibly, death by ston-

ing, if they returned to Pakistan, were not members of a "porticular

social group" for the purposes of claiming asylum as refugees under

The Court of Appeal in reserved judgments allowed an appeal by the Socretary of State for the Home

Syeda Khatoon Shah from the order of Mr Justice Sedley (The Times November 12, 1996) who had

for judicial review of the remain by the immigration Appeal Tribunal dated August 7, 1995 of leave to appeal from the dismissal by a

special adjudicator of her applica-tion for asylum on the ground that

she was not a refugee.

The court dismissed an appeal by Mrs Shahana Sadiq Islam and

her sons, Jahanzah Islam and Orangseb Islam, against the dis-missal by the IAT of October 2, 1996 of their appeal against an adjudicator's decision that they

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Rent Act protection for sub-tenants in mixed tenancies

Wellcome Trust Ltd Hamed Ebied and Another v Hopkins and Another Church Commissioners for

England v Baines Before Lord Justice Leggatt Lord Justice Morrint and Lord Justice

[Judgment July 30]

Property governed by a tenancy which was subject to Part II of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954. covering security of tenure for business tenancies, could, depending on the circumstances, be treated as a dwelling house for the purposes of the Rent Act 1977, and thus he treated as premises which qualified for protection under section 137(3) of the Rent Act 1977.

Accordingly substanance of laws.

Accordingly, sub-tenants of law-ful sub-tenancies of residential premises in mixed tenancies, that premises in motion tenancies, mai is, both residential and business, which the superior letting came to an end, continued to enjoy protection under the 1977 Art, and their tenancies were binding on the

The Court of Appeal so held allowing the appeals of:

(i) Andel Hamad against the order of Judge Wakefield in West London County Court on April 24, 1997, that, inter alia, he should give the plaintiff, Wellcome Trust Ltd. possession of Flat 3, 1 Egerton Mansions, 209 Brompton Road,

(2) Edward William Hookins against the order of Judge White in Central London County Court on February 27, 1997, that, inter alia, he should: give the plaintiffs, Deborah Anne Ebied and Anne Mary Standish, possession of residential premises he occupied at 6-8 Elgin Crescent, Notting Hill, (3) Miss Helen Baines against the order of Judge Cowell in West London County Court on November II. 1996, that, inter alia, she held Flat 2, 271 Kings Road, Chelsea, on an assured weekly periodic tenancy and a notice of increase of rent served on her in January 1995 was valid and

Mr Paul Morgan, QC and Mr Stephen Cottle for Hamad: Mr Paul Morgan, QC and Mr Andrew Short for Hopkins; Mr David Watkinson for Baines; Mr Thmothy C. Dutton for Wellcome Trust: Mr David Brounger for Ebied and Standish; Mr Patrick Rolfe for the

LORD JUSTICE LEGGATT,

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the appeals depended on the true construction of section 137(3) of the

The county court judges were bound by Pittalis v Grant [1989] QB 605) where the Court of Appeal had held that the sub-tenancy of residential was to be sub-tenancy of the county of the residential premises under a lease of business premises came within Part II of the 1954 Act, and so the residential premises could not be treated as a dwelling house for the purposes of the 1977 Act since they could not constitute premises within the meaning of section

That court's conclusion was reached in the light of the majority decision of the House of Lords in Maunsell v Olins (1975) AC 373, 369) where Lord Wilberforce had held that the word premises, in a stability provision in the stability prov statutory provision in the same terms, so far as material, as section 137(3), included any premises which as a matter of fact, and house for the purposes of the Act. The minority had beld that the

word bad a narrower mening, namely, the subject matter of the particular letting referred to. Mr Morgan's essential argument was that Pittalis was wrongly decided because no consideration appeared to have been given to the authorities enshrining Lord Wilberforce's ac-cepted principles, or to the effect of the statutory wording to the latter part of section 24(3) of the 1977 Act, the first part of which the court applied in Pittalis.

essury on the effect of the Rent Acts on mixed tenancies from a historical perspective so identify the accepted principles, and his Lord-ship considered the impact of the different relevant statutory provisions, and especially. Epsom Grand Stand Association Ltd v Clarks ((1919) 35 TLR 525: WN 170). Hicks v Snooks ((1925) 27 LGR 175), Hick v Shoots (1944) KB 679, Vickery v Martin (1944) KB 679, Wolfe v Hogan (1949) 2 KB 195, Feyereisel v Turnidge (1952) 2 QB 29) and Whiteley v Wilson (1953) 1 QB 77); see also Cheryl Invest-ments Ltd v Saldanha [1978] ?

WLR 1327, 1331-1332). His Lordship said that Lord Wilberforce in Maunsell v Olins had concentrated attention on the type of premises Parliament would have had in mind as constituting dwelling houses when it enacted section 41 of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act 1954, the origin of

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Mr Justice Mance so held in the

Queen's Bench Division on July 8

in a judgment in open court after a

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two plaintiffs and 56 defendants. .

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with which the present court was concerned constituted a tenancy to which Part II of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 applied.

Approaching the construction of section 137(3) a priori, is appeared was a flat over a shop, and the flat use so as to afford the sub-tenant protection under the Act as against the tenant, the sub-tenant should continue to enjoy the same protection against the head landlord when the superior letting came to

In view of the words of qualifica-tion in section 24(3) of the 1977 Act. the fact that a tenancy was subject to the 1954 Act did not prevent any other provision of the 1977 Act from applying to a sub-tenancy of part of the tenancy. It had been suggested those words were arguably aimed at ensuring the continuing application of section 137(3): The Conveyancer and Property Lawyer ([1990] 204, 205].

The words were obviously capable of applying where part of business premises was sublet. There was nothing in *Pittalis* to words or their effect. Moreover, in reaching its conclusion, the court appeared to have overlooked all of Wilberforce's accepted principles

Counsel for all parties before the court agreed those authorities were the source of the accepted principles. Unless the decision in Pittalis could be sustained by other means, it had to have been reached per incurism and should not be followed.

The court had to sest the question whether property demised by a superior tenancy constituted premises by asking whether it was a dwelling house within the extended meaning in the Epsom Grand Stand case and following cases. Before 1954 the most recen authority about the meaning of twelling house was Whiteley v

Wilson (at p85).
Applying that test it was plain that the premises in each of the three appeals constituted a dwell-Solicitors: Bindman & Partners;

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those CDs. The solicitors original costs of reducing documents into electronic form could not be included in assessing reasonable charges to the defendants on inspection. Ressonable charges were to be arrived at taking into consideration the cost of copying and supplying CDs using such existing

Design right not infringed by copying surface decoration

Mark Wilkinson Furniture Ltd v Woodcraft Designs (Radeliffe) Ltd

A design right, a concept intro-duced by the Copyright, Designs and Parents Act 1988, could not be infringed by the copying of surface ration on an original design. Mr Justice Jonathan Parker so held in the Chancery Division on July 30 giving judgment for the plaintiffs designers and manufac-turers of kitchen furniture, in an action against the defendant manufacturer for infringement of

HIS LORDSHIP said that by section 213 of the Act, the drafting of which left a lot to be desired, a design right was a property right which subsisted in an original

By section 213(2) a design means the design of any aspect of the shape or configuration, whether internal or external, of the whole or part of an article. Section 213(2)(c) excluded surface decoration from the definition of a design right. By section 226, a design right was infringed by copying the exactly or substantially to that design without the licence of the

design rigit owner.

If surface decoration were included, copying could be relied on as an infringing act which was plainly nonsensical. That anomaly could be avoided by reading into section 226 the definition of "design" in section 51(3), which excluded surface decoration, so that the copying of surface decoration could not constitute an infringe-ment of a design right. That must have been Parliament's intention.

Consequently, only contracts concluded for the purpose of satisfying an individual's own

weaker party economically. The specific protection sought to

activity was only planned for the future, since the fact that an activity was in the nature of a future activity did not divest it in any way of its trade or professional Accordingly, it was consistent

with the wording, the spirit and the aim of the provisions concerned to consider that the protective rules enshrined in them applied only to contracts concluded outside and independently of any trade or

While a jurisdiction clause, which served a procedural purpose, was governed by the pro-visions of the Convention, the substantive provisions of the contract, and any dispute as to its validity, were governed by the private international law of the state of the court having legal certainty that the court seison whether it had jurisdiction on the tion, without having to canside the substance of the case.

clearly and precisely, a court in a contracting state which was to have exclusive jurisdiction in accordance with the consensus

provision sought to secure could easily be jeopardised if one party to the contract could frustrate that Convention rule simply by claim-ing that the whole of the contract was void, on grounds derived from the applicable substantive law.

I The first paragraphs of articles 13 and 14 of the Brussels Convention as amended were to be intermeter as meaning that a plaintiff who had concluded a contract with a view to pursuing a trade or profession, not at the present time

2 The courts of a contracting state which had been designated in a

Mr David Pannick, QC and Mr Mark Shaw for the socretary of Canada in Wand v Attorney General [1993] 2 SCR 689) and Chan v Canada (1996) 28 DLR 213); and of the Court of Appeal in Savchenkov v Secretary of State

Status as member of particular group

LORD JUSTICE WAITE said that the appeals concerned Pakiexhan in this country as refugee Both were married and both were exposed to false allegations by their husbands that they had been guilty of adulters.

state; Mr Nicholas Blake, QC and

Miss Frances Webber for Mrs

Shah; Mr Nicholas Blake, QC and

Miss Stephanie Harrison for the

Islam family.

It was accepted that they had a well founded fear, in the event of their being forced to return to Pakistan, of persecution taking the form of physical and emotional abuse by their husbands which the local Islamic law would not only condone but would aggravate by subjecting them to the criminal processes of Sharia law under which the punishment for sexual immorality was severe and might lead to death by stoning.

The sole question was whether the women could claim to be members of a particular social group for the purposes of article IA of the Geneva Convention, as amended, which provided: "For the purposes of the present Convention, the term "refugee" shall apply to any person who: (2) ... owing to well founded fear of ng persecuted for reasons of , membership of a particular social group . . . is outside the country of his nationality and is unable or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself of the protection of

There was a general desirability that in construing an international convention the decisions in difas possible, be kept in line with

as possible, be kept in time with each other. His Lordship referred to the decisions of the High Court of Australia in A v Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs (unreported February 24, 1947); of the ninth circuit of the United States Court of Appeals in Sanchez Trujillo v Immigration and Naturalisation Service ((1986) 80)

for the Home Department [1996] Imm AR 29,

In the Savehenhov case Lord Justice McCowan referred to the following principles advanced by Mr Pannick without dissent by Mr

I The Convention did not entitle a person to asylum whenever he leared persecution if returned to his own country. Had the Convention so intended, it could and would have said so. Instead, asylum was confined to those who could show a well founded fear of persecution on one of a number of specific grounds set out in article

2 To give the phrase "membership of a particular social group" too broad an interpretation would conflict with the object identified abwe.

3 The other Convention reasons, race, religion, nationality and pol-itical opinion, reflected a civil or political status. "Membership of a particular social group" ought to be interpreted ciusdem generis. 4 The concept of a "particular social group" had to have been intended to apply to social groups which existed independently of persecution; otherwise the limited scope of the Convention would be defeated. There would be a social whenever a number of persons feared persecution for a reason common to them.

Mr Pannick acknowledged that the third Savchenkov principle might be too restrictive in its insistence on a genus of "civil or political status". His proposition, substitution for the third principle was that as well as existing independently of the persecution, there was a need for the group to be homogeneous and cohesive, with links between members other than their fear of persecution, albeit the group did not need to meet together in a social club.

society the particular group in respect of which he claimed membership for his clients: namely Pakistani women accused of adultery and domestic disobedience who were unprotected by their husbands or other male

There was no dispute as to the first, second and lourth Sauchenkov principles. His Lordship would approve them and commended them for general use in those difficult cases.

As to the third principle, although Mr Pannick's adoption of the concepts of cohesion and homogeneity drew some justifica-tion from the United States authorities, those concepts were not helpful. They brought un-desirable vagueness into an area desirable vagueness into an area already traught with uncertainty because of the breadth of language adopted by the Convention His Lordship, accepting Mr

Bake's submission, preferred to adopt the principle supported by the majority in A v Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs. "the Convention emphasises that the group must be a 'particular' and social group. This means that the members of the group must share something which unites them, and which sets them apart from the rest of society and is recognised as such by society generally." It was doubtful whether it was

possible or desirable to attempt any more specific formulation than that.

It followed from the acceptance by both sides of the fourth
Savehenkov principle that the common uniting attribute setting the
group apart from the rest of society and recognised as such by society generally had so be one which existed independently of the feured

The characteristics or attributes relied on by the applicants were isolation, through abandonment and rejection by their husbands with no male support elsewhere,

No one would dispute the grav ity of those features or could fail to sympathise with the terror they had inspired in the applicants. For that reason the secretary of state might feel moved to regard their cases as calling for special leave to remain on compassionate and discretionary grounds.

But the sterner task for the court was to interpret a Convention which set out, as part of the price of ity, to impose limits on the defi-nition of refugee status by abandoning a general recognition of rights of asylum whenever they were seen to be justified on humanitarian grounds and impos-ing instead a formalistic requirement to fulfil specific category

In so interpreting it, the question had to be asked did the features relied upon represent attributes which could be shown to exist independently of the feared persecution itself?

They could not be so regarded. The heads of persecution relied on were extreme violence at the hands legal disabilities and discrimination, the harshness of Sharia law and the absence of protection by

Take all those away and the stigma and the isolation necessarily departed with them. They were not independent attributes of a particular group.

Lord Justice Henry delivered a concurring judgment.

STAUGHTON, concurring in the result, said that he was unable to hold that the women were members of a particular social group, That expression involved a num-ber of people being joined together cohesiveness, cooperation or interdependence: the members must not be solitary individuals.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; Malik Law Associates; Gulbenkian Harris Andonian,

exchange. It was doubtful whether

that conclusion was part of the

ratio decidendi, and had been

regarded in later cases as depen-

dent on the final words in section

Ellerine v Kilnger was binding Court of Appeal authority in favour of the charterers' construc-

The removal of the key words in

section 9(4) of the 1996 Act also meant that the charterers were

1(1) of the 1975 Act.

tion of the clause.

entitled to a stay.

Arbitrator has jurisdiction over all claims

concluding words of section 1(1) of the 1975 Act, which provided that

where proceedings were com-menced in respect of any matter agreed to be referred to arbitration

the court was bound to grant a stay unless satisfied that the arbitration agreement was inoperative or in-capable of being performed for that there was not in fact any

Halki Shipping Corporation v Sopex Oils Ltd Before Mr Justice Clarke

were not relugies.

Judgment July 7

An arbitration clause in an agreement governed by the Arbitration Act 1996 gave an arbitrator juris-tilicion over all claims which either party refused to pay. No such claims were justiciable in a court of law as a result of the ensembert of section 9(4) of the Arbitration Act 1996, which omitted key words included in section ((1) of the Arbitration Act 1975.

Where an amount was due under an agreement subject to an artificiation clause and the amount electronic copies of documents

arbitration clause and the amount was either disputed or simply not juid, there was a dispute as to the Grupo Torras v. SA and Another v. Al Salizah and his documents tout escriptic form had scanned and organised in in fact, That dispute had to so to in fact. That di ute had to go to arbitration and any proceedings brought in respect of it were bound be stayed under section 9(4) of the 1996 Act:

> Mr Justice Clarke so held in the Admiralty Court of the Queen's Bench Division, giving judgment in open court after a hearing in chambers, and staying an action for demurrage brought by the plaintiffs. Halki Shipping Corporation, the owners of the motor tanker Hallo, which was chartered to the defendants, Sopex Oils Ltd, under a tanker voyage charterparty of June 20, 1985 for

Mr Nicholas Hamblen, QC, for the owners; Mr Richard Waller for

MR JUSTICE CLARKE said that the owners claimed that the charterers failed to load and discharge the vessel within the laytime provided in the charterdemurrage in the sam of US\$\$17.473.96. The claim was thus for liquidated damages for breach of the charterparty.

The charterers did not admit liability. By clause 9 of the charterparty any dispute arising from or in connection with the charterparty was to be referred to arbitration in London.

The owners issued a writ claiming demurrage. The charterers missions. The Court of Appeal in sought a stay under section 9 of the 1996 Act, which provided by sub-(1982) 1 WLR 1375, L383) Lord Justice Templeman had said: section (1) that a party to an There is a dispute until the arbitration agreement against whom legal proceedings were brought in respect of a matter defendant admits that the sum is due and payable." which under the agreement was to be referred to arbitration could In Hayter v Nelson [1990] 2 Lloyd's Reo 265) on an application for a stay under section 1 of the Arbitration Act 1975 Mr Justice Saville had considered the apply to the court to stay the

The owners applied for summary judgment under Order 14 of The charterers submitted that the court had no jurisdiction to allow the action to continue but was The main question was whether the action, was in respect of a

charterparty was to be referred to arbitration, which depended on whether there was any relevant dispute between the parties, The charterers submitted that

the purpose of the arbitration clause was to submit to arbitration all disputes arising from or in connection with the charterparty. including any claim by one party which the other party refused to admit or did not pay. Unassisted by authority, his Lordship would accept that submission. The wording of the

particular charterparty supported it. There was no commercial or legal reason to reach any other conclusion, especially in the light of the 1996 Act. The arbitrators had power to make interim awards under section 47 and, with the consent of the parties, provisional awards under section 39. There was no reason why the arbitral process should be any slower or less effective than legal process in

The owners submitted that the parties could not have intended to submit to arbitration claims to answer in fact or law. His Lordship did not accept that although in a number of cases the courts had said that the practice of permitting a party to obtain judgment under Order 14 in such a case was useful A strong body of authority

Those concluding words of section 1(1) of the 1975 Act were reenacted in section 9(4) of the 1996 Act, save that the words in square brackets were omitted. That was a key difference because it radically ed the position as it was before and, save in very limited circum-stances, left all disputes within the

regard to the matter agreed to be

by the agreed tribunal. in Hayrer v Nelson Mr Justice Saville held that the words "there is not in fact anything disputable

arbitration clause to be determined

meant "there is not in fact anything dispurable" so that in such a case the court could refuse a stay and give judgment under Order 14. That had been removed leaving all questions within the jurisdiction of the arbitrators to be determined by

In Nova (Jersey) Knit Ltd v Kammgarn Spinnerei GmbH ([1977] I WLR 713) the House of dispute as to claims on bills of exchange, since an unliquidated cross-claim could not form a valid defence and therefore could not be

was obtained.

tence of confiscation order under the 1986 Act of £29,514.30 of Terence David Brett. The appellant was convicted on July 11, 1995 in Snareshmok Crown Court of various drug offences and sen-

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Regina v Brett to any property held by the defendant at the time of or after his

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division (Lord Justice Kennedy, Mr Justice Nelson and Sir Patrick ssell) so held in a reserved judgment on June 20 When smissing the appeal against sen

All property liable

Section 2(3)(a)(f) of the Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986 applied

MB DISTING MELICIAN TO THE COMMENT OF THE MR JUSTICE NELSON said that the appellant had argued that

the section applied only ments received and held by the defendant after his conviction, and that as the sums in question were outside the six-year limit cited in section 2(3)(a)(i) and had been held by the appellant long before his conviction, the section did not apply and the assumption under section 2 that that money related to

or was the proceeds of drug trafficking could not be made. That argument was not accepted.

an unregistered design right in a

European Law Report

Jurisdiction clause valid despite challenge to contract tract concluded by a person for a

Benincasa v Dentalkit Srl Case C-269/95

Belore G. F. Mancini, President of Sixth Chamber and Judges J. L. Murray, C. N. Kakouris, P. J. G. Kapteyn and H. Ragnemalm Advocate General D. Ruiz-Jarabo

(Opinion February 20) Judgment July 3

A person who concluded a contract with a view to the present or future pursuance of a trade or profession was not a "consumer" in the meaning of jurisdiction provisions of the Brussels Convention.

The courts designated in a validly concluded jurisdiction clause had exclusive jurisdiction even where it was sought in the proceedings to have the entire contract, including that clause, declared void.

The Sixth Chamber of the Court of Justice of the European Communations so held on a reference by the Oberlandesgericht (Higher Regional Court) München under the protocol of June 3, 1971 on the interpretation by the Court of Justice of the Brussels Convention of September 21. 1968 on Jurisdiction and the Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercia Matters, for a preliminary ruling on the interpretation of provisions of the Convention as amended by the Convention of October 9, 1978 on the accession of Denmark. (OJ 1978 L304, p77).

The plaintiff, an Italian national, concluded a franchising contract with the defendant, which had its seat in Florence and had developed a chain of franchised shops in Italy specialising in the sale of dental hygiene products, for setting up and operating a shop in Munich. The plaintiff was to pay an initial sum to the defendant for technical and commercial assistance, and to equip the premises at

A clause of the contract provided that the courts of Florence were to have jurisdiction to entertain any dispute relating to the contract. The plaintiff set up the shop, paid the initial sum, made some purchases for which he never paid,

his own cost.

d then ceased trading. He brought proceedings in Munich for the franchising contract to be declared void on the ground that the entire contract was void under German law.

In maintaining that the Munich courts had jurisdiction, he argued, inter alia, that the jurisdiction clause in the contract had no effect as his action sought to declare the entire contract, including that clause, void, and that since he had not yet started trading he should regarded as a consumer within articles 13 and 14 of the Article 13, in section 4, provides: "In proceedings concerning a con-

purpose which can be regarded as being outside his trade or profession, hereinafter called the con-

sumer, jurisdiction shall determined by this section ..." Article 14, also in section 4, oravides: "A consumer may bring proceedings against the other party to a contract either in the courts of the contracting state in which that party is domiciled or in the courts of the contracting state in which he is himself Article 17 provides: "If the par-

ties . . . have agreed that a court or the courts of a contracting state are to have jurisdiction to settle any disputes ... in connection with a particular legal relationship, that court or those courts shall have xclusive jurisdiction . . . In its judgment the Sixth Cham-ber of the Coort of Justice held:

It was settled law that the first

paragraph of article 13 affected only a private final consumer, not

engaged in trade or professional activities. To determine whether a person had the capacity of a consumer, a concept which was to be strictly construed, reference had to be made to the position of that person in a particular contract, having regard to the nature and aim of the contract, and not to the subjective position of the person. The same person could not be to certain transactions and as an economic operator in relation to

eds in terms of private consump fion came under the provisions designed to protect the consumer as the party deemed to be the

be afforded by those provisions was unwarranted in the case of contracts for the purpose of trade or professional activity, even if that

notessional activity or purpose, thether present or future.

Luxembourg

formed between the parties.

On those grounds, the Court

but in the future, could not be rded as a consumer.

jurisdiction clause validly con-cluded under the first paragraph of article 17 of the Convention also had exclusive jurisdiction where the action sought in particular a declaration that the contract

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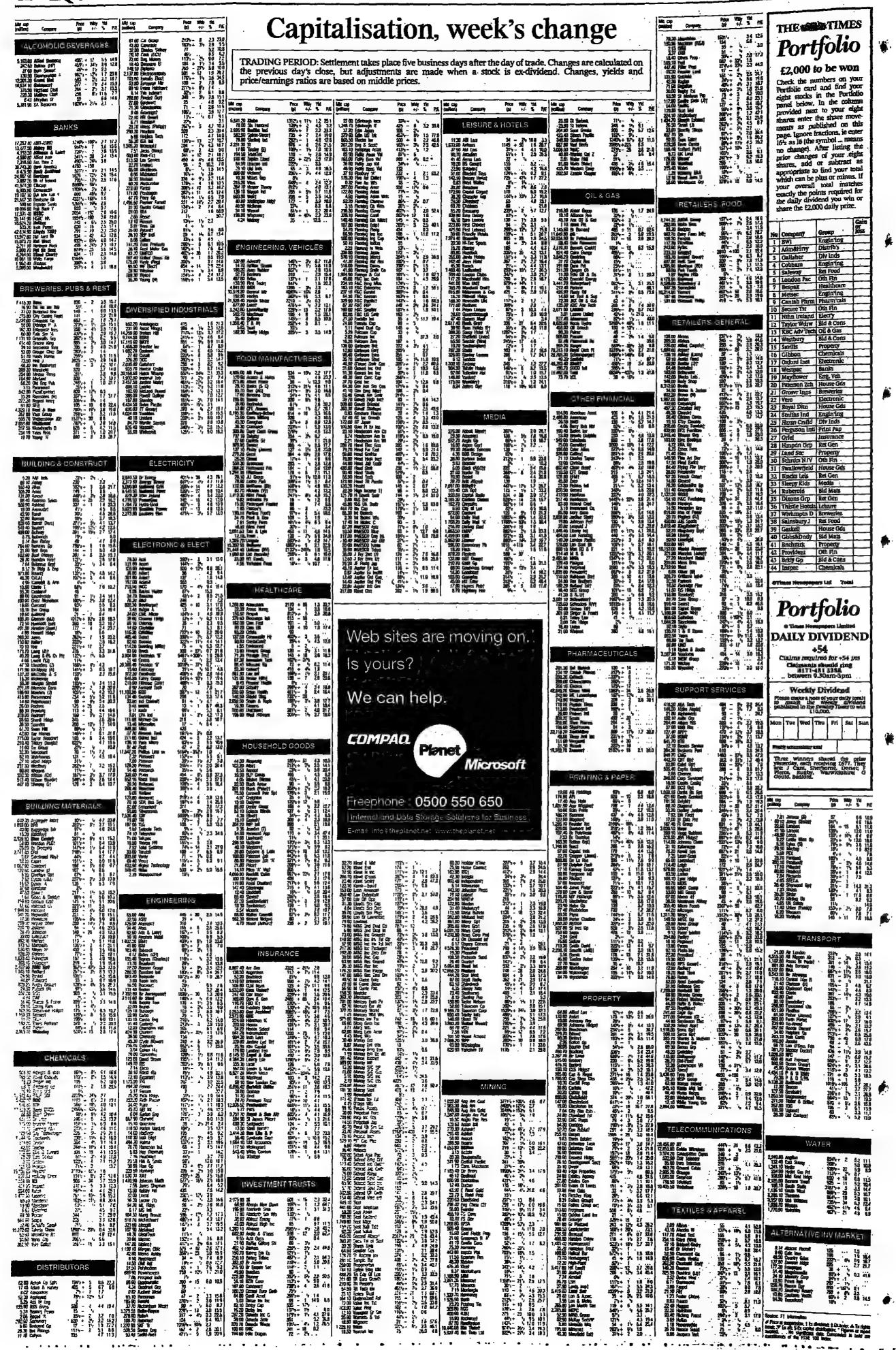
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DIAN OVERSEA NOUSTRIES

TODAY

Interims: Bisichi Mining, London & Associated Properties, Premier Farnell, Finals: Tay Homes. Economic statistics: UK producer price index (Sept).

TOMORROW Interims: Henry Boot & Sore, China Investment & Development Fund, Hamleys, S Jerome & Sons, Nationsbank Group (q3), Olives Property, Wamford Investments. Wilmington Group. Finals: Five Oaks Investment, Highland Distillers, London & St Lawrence Investment Company, St Ives. Economic statistics: UK retail sales survey (Sept).

survey (Sept). WEDNESDAY

Interims: Blockleys, Ferguson International, Hoare Govett 1000, Hoare Govett Smaller, Tie Rack. Finals: Smilts Industries, MJ Glesson Group. Economic statistics: UK average samings and unit wage costs (Augusti, unemployment (Sept). Bob monetary policy committee monetary policy committee meeting minutes, World Eco-nomic Forum, Hong Kong.

THURSDAY Interima: Abertorth Split Level, Davenport Knitwear, Finals: Al-bert Faher, DFS Furniture, MJ Gleeson Group, Manganese Bronze, Economic statistics: UK PSBR (Sept).

FRIDAY Interime: Audex Properties, Value & Income Trust Finale; None scheduled.

CHANGE ON WEEK

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US dollar 1.6205 (+0.0088) German mark 2.8365 (-0.0041) Exchange Index 100.1 (Same)

Bank of England official close

STOCKMARKET

FT 30 share 3366.7 (-40.6) FTSE 100 5227.3 (-103.5) **New York Dow Jones** 8045.21 (+6.63) Tokyo Nikkei Avge

Growth pays off for acquisitive Smiths

The new management team. will be arraious to stamp its. mark on things and the proposed acquisition of Graseby for £136 million indicates in which direction the group will

the group intends to expand its medical operations outside of North America and that the mainstream engineering business will continue to be

Full-year figures, on Wed-nesday, should show pre-tax profits growing from £170.4 million to £190 million, with earnings a share up 15 per cent. The Famous Grouse is expect-from 37p to 42.4p. Sales et to have achieved a 4 per growth, of about 11 per cent at cent increase and now ac-El.1 million, will have been improved by contributions from recent acquisitions.

The aerospace division saw a useful improvement in margins from 10 per cent to 12.4 per cent at the interim stage, helped by increased volume that generated operational gearing benefits. 🤾

This trend is expected to have continued in the second half, along with an improvement in the aerospace cycle. NatWest anticipates that margins will top is per cent. By contrast, medical margins are likely to be down around half a point to 22 per cent.

The move to increase ownership of its Japanese distribution subsidiary to 100 per cent will have consolidated some £25 million of sales that were generating margins of only 11. per cent. If this anomaly is stripped out, margins would

SMITHS INDUSTRIES: have held up at the 24 per cent

The payout is likely to grow from 16.2p to 18p. . . .

HIGHLAND DISTILLER--IES: Full-year figures tomor-.. row should reveal a useful NatWest Securities, the broperformance, supported by a ker, says it is already clear that full first-time contribution the Graseby deal signals that from Macallan of almost £9

> This equates to about a quarter of overall operating profits. Sales of Macallan are growing strongly in the US and that should go some way towards offsetting the contin-

uing decline in Italy. Overall, the scotch market remains difficult, although counts for more than half of the overall operating profits.

Meanwhile, the group has

begun increasing its range of brands and should be one of the first companies to benefit from the proposed merger of-Guinness and Grand Metropolitan when it takes on the distribution of Dunhill Scotch. These figures should also help to dispel some of the

uncertainty surrounding the shares in recent months. Remy Cointreau, the group's French partner, has had its fair share of problems and may be in need of a capital injection. Highland may be called upon to provide some of that capital. The dividend is expected to grow 7 per cent to

PREMIER FARNELL: Half-year figures from Premier Farnell are due out later



Windfalls have boosted earnings for Sir Graham Kirkham at DFS Furniture

ready begun downgrading their profit forecasts for the full year, worned by the impact of currency transac-

NatWest has admitted to opping E7 million from its final forecast to £160 million. but is still looking for an increase from £63.8 million to £74 million this time round. Despite this, earnings will have shown a decline of about 15 per cent, from 16p to 13.6p a share. The situation should recover in the second half. which is benefiting from a

stronger dollar. The group's markets remain sluggish, with component demand in Britain hit by

ing exporters. The translation of European earnings are also

affected by a strong currency. CPC and MCM, in the appliances spares division, have been benefiting from the introduction of new products and franchises in the latest

Revenues in industrial pro-

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

THE comments by Alan Greenspan last week have made financial markets highly sensitive to stronger than expected data, and anything other than very good news will be liable to prompt stock market fails.

In the US, retail sales data published on Wednesday should show a slowdown in growth for September. MMS International, the economic consultant, forecasts retail sales will fall 0.1 per cent compared with 0.4 per cent growth in August. But monthly consumer price inflation data on Thursday is expected to tick up from 0.2 per cent to 0.3 per cent.

In the UK, there should be signs of a growth slowdown, but most economists expect it will be insufficient to stop rates rising next month.

Brokers are looking for pre-

Interim figures in May lived

To a certain extent this has

This store opening pro-

gramme will continue apace

in the current year. In the

meantime, brokers will no

doubt try to guage just how much DFS has benefited from

this year's building society

he rewarded with a 25 per

cent increase in the net

Shareholders are likely to

MICHAEL CLARK

windfalls.

dividend to 122 p.

September producer prices, published Monday, will show an annual fall of 8.1 per cent in raw material prices. The rapid fall in unemployment will also slow, MMS predicts to about 40,000 in September.

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SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: Buy: BOC, Sinclair Montrose, Hamleys. Hold: Britton Group, Smiths Industries, Avoid: Tie Rack. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy: Simon Group, Watts Blake Bearne, Grampian Hold-ings. Hold: Britton Group. The Observer. Buy: Parity.

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CANADIAN OVERSEAS PACKAGING INDUSTRIES LIMITED

EARNINGS ANNOUNCEMENT Audited results for the year to 30th June 1997

(all funds expressed in thousands of Canadian dollars except for

Sales	1996/97 (C\$000) C\$ 167,061	(C\$000) C\$ 180,645
Earnings from Operations	5,756	6,648
Less: Minority Interest	39	286
Less: Milliotity minerest	5,717	8,382
Investment Income	6,473	- 8,100
Gain on Sale of Marketable Securities	5,228	7,857
Share in net earnings of company subject to significant influence	21,493	14,402
Gain on sale of company subject to	.» ·-	1,735
significant influence	. 972	. 210
Foreign Currency Gains	39,563	38,666
Earnings Before Taxation	3.394	3,134
Taxation	C\$ 36,489	C\$ 35,532
Net Earnings	C\$ 2.08	C\$ 2.02
Earnings per Common Share		

The Directors today have declared a regular dividend on the 17,578,125 Common Shares N.P.V. payable to Shareholders registered at the close of business on 14th November 1997 at the rate payable to characteristics for the comparative figure for 1996 was 70 cards per share. The

payment date for this dividend is 5th December 1997. payment use for this dividence as our pacentum 1997.

The Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 30th June 1997 togs the Thirty Sixth Annual Meeting will be mailed to Shareholders on the 24th October 1997 with the usual press announcement appearing the same day. The Thirty Sixth Annual Meeting will be



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THE FACTS

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THE BOARD

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Allan Leighton, chief exec-Attan Leighton, criter executive: Was Archie Norman's deputy. Before that retail director and marketing director, took the CE job in September, 1996. Previously worked for 18 years at the Mars Corporation.

Tony Campbell, trading director: With Asda since

Phil Cox, finance director: Appointed January 1992. Formerly group chief executive of Burns Anderson and finance director of Home Brothers.

len Gibson, joint deputy chairman: Appointed 1993. Managing director of Nissan UK and vice-president of Nissan Europe.

Frank Knight, Joint deputy chairman. Appointed 1991. Chairman of Field Group and of More O'Ferrall. Deputy chairman of Berisford. Non-executive directors:

Susan Ellen. Appointed September, 1992. Manag-ing director of United Rececourses Holdings and former managing director of BUPA health services.

Francis Maude, Appointed July, 1992. A Conservative Party luminary, Ilka Archie Norman, and former Finan-cial Secretary to the Treesury. A managing director at Morgan Stanley. Richard North is also linked to Norman. The finance director of Bass was for-

merly employed by Coo-pers & Lybrand, auditors to Kingfisher, Norman's old employers. len Robinson. Appointed June, 1997. Chief executive of Scottish Power.

Dr Martin Read. Appointed March, 1996. Managing director, Logica.

ber about Asda is that it almost went bust at the beginning of the Nineties. That crisis has shaped all subsequent events at the group. New managers. headed by Archie Norman. were given the opportunity to turn the company around and did so with such gusto that the Asda we see today is almost unrecognisable from the com-

pany they joined six years ago. How the company will look in another few years will largely depend on Allan Leighton. Norman's former deputy. who took over as chief executive at the start of this year.

The distinctive corporate culture established by the new regime is firmly in place. But Asda's strategy for growth has been called into question by its failed effort to buy the Welcome Break service station business and its fruitless merger talks with Safeway.

When Norman joined the group it immediately became apparent that one of his strengths is harnessing other people's ideas. A lot of the changes in culture at Asda, which had been run on traditional corporate lines, were brought in by Leighton from his 18 years at Mars Corporation. Asda's open-plan offices, use of Christian names, and absence of a directors' dining

room are all Mars practices. Among the changes brought in and still going strong are the practice of referring to staff as "colleagues" and the "Tell Archie" scheme. Staff are encouraged to write to Norman with ideas, all of which he examines and, if he likes, get put into practice.

If it all sounds wonderfully touchy-feely, that would not be quite accurate. "Colleagues" in the Asda House headquarters work very long hours: there are, after all, only half as many of them to run the business as in pre-Norman days. In the stores "colleagues" are constantly assessed to make sure they are keeping the checkouts ticking over at the required speed.

Integrity Works rates Asda's ethical expression as 7/10 because, while it has adopted many US best-practice ideas on customer and employee relations, it has not made a concise statement of business principles, the centrepiece of many successful US corporations. The company scores 10/10 on the "fat cat," count. Even though Norman has been rewarded with salary







Allan Leighton, left, chief executive, and Archie Norman, centre, the chairman, are as at home on the shop floor as in the boardroom of Asda. Employees have adapted to such ideas as 24-hour opening at Christmas, and Asda campaigned in its supermarkets against resale price maintenance

company performance".

Norman has certainly worked himself and others hard to get that performance. He encourages suggestions and criticism from others, but also spends time going round the stores photographing things he does not like, from rubbish piled in corridors to ugly packaging. These photos are pinned on a board in Asda House with his handwritten. acerbic comments stuck on them along with the name of whoever is expected to put the

problem right. Last week Norman was in Blackpool, delivering executive insights to his latest corporate responsibility, the Conservative Party. The handover at Asda at the beginning of this year from Norman, now an MP and vice-chairman of the Conservative Party and option payments, Crisp as well as non-executive chair-

Consulting reckons he is man of Asda, was apparently worth it for "an outstanding handled smoothly within the company. Some in the City, on the other hand, were put out that after months of being assured he was staying "one sunny morning when no one was looking, he was out".

as absolutely central to Asda's turnaround, which is why the question of succession was particularly delicate. Founded in Yorkshire in 1965, Asda had flourished for two decades as an innovative operator of large-scale, edge-of-town superstores. Its troubles began

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"They have got a quirty staff culture that seems to work reelly well. They have tuned themselves into the UK consumer and have marketed themselves well, and they seem to have loyal customers without a loyalty card." Jonathan Pritchard, USS

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after it splashed out on MFI, the furniture retailer, Allied Carpets, and a large number of stores from Gateway (now Somerfield). The company had gone from having El billion of cash to more than £1 billion of debt in four years, and shareholder patience snapped.

Institutional investors ousted the old board and put in Patrick Gillam as chairman. His key appointments were Norman, then finance director of Kingfisher, as chief executive, and Leighton, then with Mars, as marketing director. Norman pushed

through a rescue rights issue.

What happened subsequently has been either a victory for imaginative management or a triumph of hype. depending on your point of view. Whichever, the shareholders have seen the benefit: the shares have multiplied eight times in the past five years, from their level of just

above 200, as the company has gone from a £365 million pretax loss in 1991-92 to a £354 million profit last year. But cynicism is growing

among some analysts. The spin that Asda put on the failed deal with Safeway - the suggestions that Asda would have been top dog, that Safeway did not quite measure up, and that Asda was never as keen on the deal — has alienated analysis. They seem to get carried away with the corporate culture and are beginning to believe their own propaganda." said one. On the surface, not a lot has

changed since Leighton's ele-vation. Norman still works at Asda one or two days a week, and he has strengthened the already impressive board with company is still building on its reputation for value and good service and expanding its chain of large out-of-town

superstores. After helping to end the Net Book Agreement. it is still presenting itself as the consumers' champion while resisting the financial services. track trodden by its main rivals. It says it wants to "keep it simple" but questions keep rising to the surface about what it will do now that it is out of recovery.

The questions grew after the company made a surprise £400 million bid earlier this year for Welcome Break, the motorway service areas auctioned off by Granada. The bid got nowhere, but Leighton still feels it could have worked out well: We would have transformed the whole market I won't be defensive about it but I can see that perhaps we did. not communicate our reasoning well," he reflects. .

Despite the subsequent revelation that the company has also spent months discussing a merger with Safeway, he insists that Asda is not now on the lookout for a partner: "We are only at 50 or 60 per cent cour potential within the exist-ing business." An acquisition remains a possibility, but it will be opportunistic rather than planned, he said.

It is because planning laws are restricting store openings that worries have grown about Asda's future. Leighton's answer is simple "We have to drive the like-for-like sales," he says. This means constantly improving the stores and adding more high-margin foods, as well as giving more space for the George range of

In the long term, it is hard to see the restless Leighton resisting the temptation to do something else with Asda now that he is in charge. The key to success will be making sure that, whatever else it does, it keeps on working to maintain the hard-earned goodwill now enjoyed by its superstores.



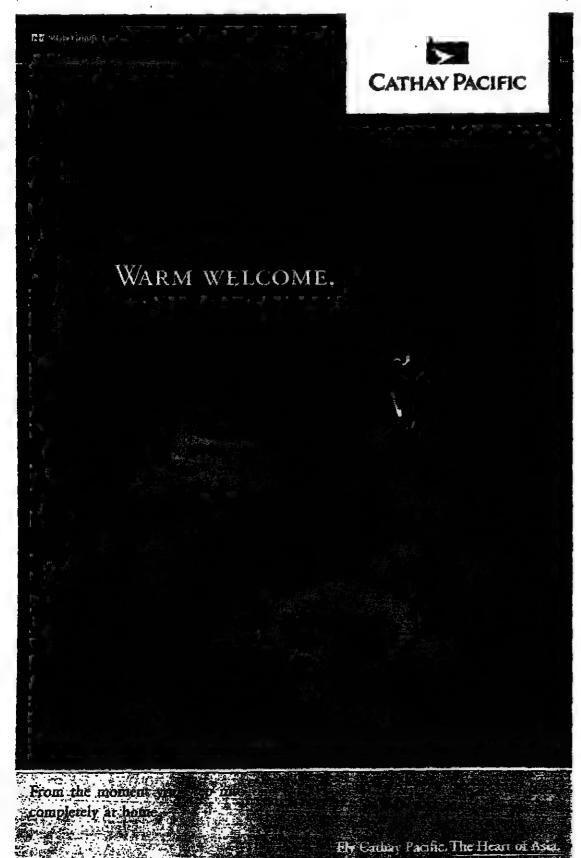
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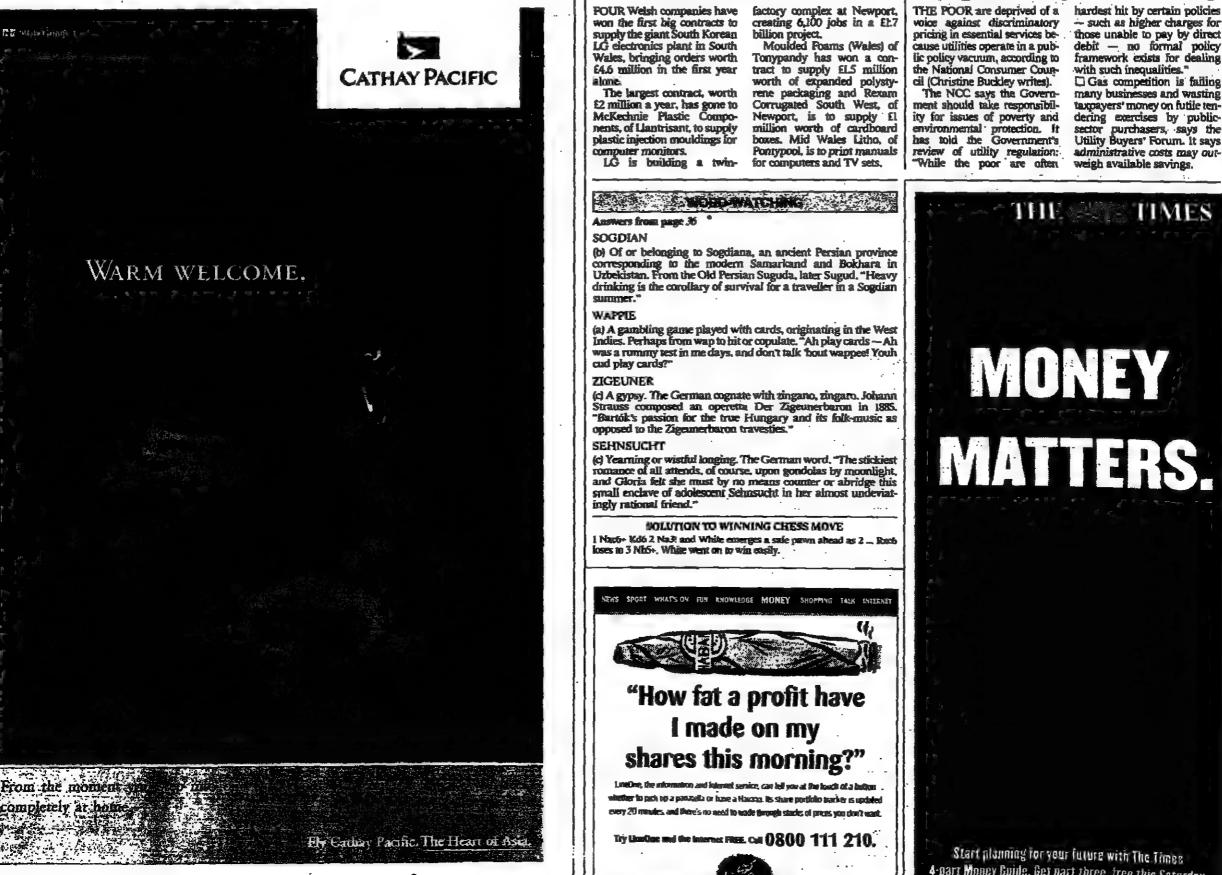
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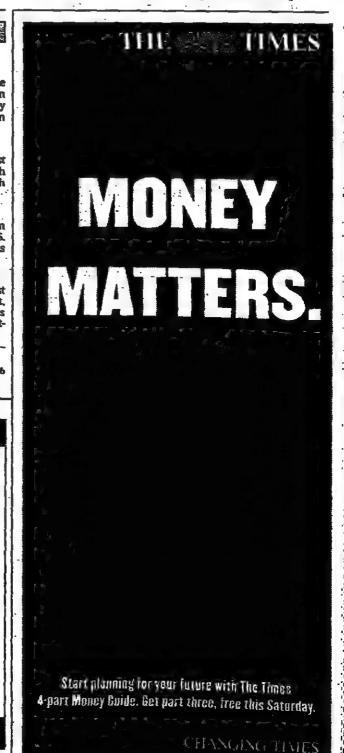
- such as higher charges for those unable to pay by direct debit - no formal policy framework exists for dealing with such inequalities."

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Gas competition is failing many businesses and wasting taxpayers' money on futile tendering exercises by publicsector purchasers, says the Utility Buyers' Forum. It says administrative costs may out-







Ramsden's serves up new format

BY DOMINIC WALSH

HARRY RAMSDEN'S, the famous Yorkshire fish and chip restaurant that has expanded into an international chain, is to pilot a scaled-down takeaway format for development on retail and leisure

The concept will first be tested at sites in Belfast and Paisley. John Barnes, chairman, said: "We're very excited about this. If we see we're getting the numbers, we can see ourselves doing about 100 of these around the country."

Mr Barnes said the units would be based on the original hut Harry Ramsden operated from before he moved to the current premises in Guiseley, West Yorkshire, in 1931. The hut takeaway format, which will also have a 60-cover seating area, will be about 2,000 sq ft compared with 8,500 sq ft for full-fledged Harry

Ramsden's restaurant. Mr Barnes estimated development costs at about £350,000, a third of the normal cost.

All but three of the 23 Ramsden's restaurants in the UK are operated by franchisees, and Mr Barnes predicted that the vast majority of hut units would be franchises. The Paisley and Belfast outlets, scheduled to open in the next couple of months, will both be operated by existing

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Cable firms call for more flexibility on channels

THE cable industry has told the Independent Television Commission that between one million and two million new subscribers could be attracted to cable in the UK if it were possible to sell channels to the public in a more flexible way. The claim is made in evi-

dence from the Cable Communications Association to the ITC, which is investigating the way channel owners insist that channels are "bundled" to-gether and offered to the vast majority of cable subscribers.

British Sky Broadcasting.

the satellite venture in which News International, owner of The Times, has a 40 per cent stake, insists that bundles of channels are taken by at least 80 per cent of cable subscribers. Other channel owners impose even higher percentages, some up to 100 per cent.

The Cable Communications Association says that experi-ments show that when more flexible packages of channels, or smaller basic packages, are offered, consumer demand for pay-TV has risen by between 50 per cent and 100 per cent. Were this to be replicated nationally, a further one million to two million homes could be brought into pay-TV," it says. "The evidence is simply too compelling to ignore."

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CCA members want to see percentage carriage requirements banned on existing and future contracts. They also want an end to imposition by wholesalers of retail bundling. This, they say, should end the practice whereby viewers often have to buy

basic channels before they can have premium channels. The CCA says that if people have to pay for services they do not want, the attraction of 200channel digital television "will pale beside the disadvantages

of high cost of access. The association argues that, at present, big media companies that are wholesalers can tell cable operators how to sell to their own customers, and says this is "unheard of in any other economic sector".

The cable companies say they are willing to help to devise arrangements for the duration of existing contracts that would protect revenues of channel providers.

The cable groups believe, however, that only regulatory action can deal with the problem because, at present, it is not in the interest of any single channel provider to give up the advantage of automatic distribution to a high proportion of the cable universe.

There is a risk, however. that if cable operators had full freedom to choose, some channels might collaps

The ITC will probably seek a compromise increasing flexi-bility for cable operators without undermining the choice cable television can offer.

Wall Street '25% overvalued'

By JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS EDITOR

WALL STREET is currently overvalued by about 25 per cent, while London stocks are around 10 per cent too expensive, the London-based Centre for Economics and Business

Research Ltd says.
Douglas McWilliams, chief executive of CEBR, said a major downward adjustment in US equity prices was highly likely and was a key potential source of instability for what was otherwise a positive outlook for the world economy. He said

price values, the level of corporate profits in America would have to be growing on a trend that would take their share of gross domestic product to above 50 per cent by 2020. However, the highest trend

profits achieved in America over the past century have been 35 per cent, recorded between 1999 and 1919.

CEBR's most optimistic assumption is that the share of corporate profits in US GDP will rise from its current 33 per cent to 41 per cent by 2020. Mr

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McWilliams said a major correction on Wall Street could be triggered by a loss of market confidence or by emerging evidence that US corporate earnings growth was slowing. Last week, Alan Greenspan, the US Federal Reserve Chairman, said stock market values

could not go on rising at the pace seen over the past few years. While London is bound to be affected by a sharp correction on Wall Street, CEBR believes that the UK stock market is still less exposed.



Ready for a punt: Steve Howard, back, and Nigel Ward, client relationship managers at Coutts, the international private bank, which is opening a branch office in Oxford today to coincide with the start of the new university term

CBI alarmed at proposed powers for watchdog

BY ADAM JONES given the power to break into

PROPOSALS that could lead to "bully" companies being fined hundreds of millions of pounds have been attacked by

Under draft legislation that is poised to go before the House of Lords, companies who abuse a dominant market position or sign anti-competitive agreements may be fined up to 10 per cent of their UK turnover by John Bridgeman. the Director-General of Fair

the offices of suspected companies and prosecute staff if they obstruct the raid or deliberately supply misleading information.

The CBI claimed the measures, contained in the draft Competition Bill published in August, give the Govern-ment's monopoly-busters too much power.

Although it backs the aim of bringing outdated UK competition law into line with the rest of Europe, the CBI said



John Bridgeman is expected to receive greater powers

there is a danger of companies being overburdened with paperwork - as well as contradictory decisions from Brussels and London - unless some of the definitions in the

draft legislation are tightened. Rufus Ogilvie Smals, chairman of the CBI's competition panel, said the powers that would be given to Office of Pair Trading investigators were alarming: "We have no idea what qualifications they will have to conduct this sort

of investigation."

He said the CBI is looking for a cash limit on fines, possibly around the millionpound mark. He also attacked provisions mimicking Article 86 of the Treaty of Rome, which deals with abuses of market position. saying the European legisla

The DTI said it was already considering some of the detailed points made by the CBI including its call for "vertical" agreements between producers and distributors to be exempt. It said the CBI had previously issued a statement giving broad support to the use of Article 86 in

Guinness merger poised for approval

The European Commission will this week grant a conditional clearance to the E24 billion merger between Guinness and Grand Metropolitan. This follows a meeting on Friday of officials represent-ing the 20 EU commissioners.

The merger is on the agenda at Wednesday's meeting of the Commission, and observers expect a conditional approval. possibly requiring the sale of one or more leading brands by the parties and a weakening of their con-trol of their distribution networks in some Euro-

nean countries. Friday's meeting showed considerable support for the merger. The merged business, to be called GMG Brands, would create the world's biggest drinks producer.

Growth hopes

Businesses outside the booming retail sector believe inflation in their per cent, well below the official figure for retail price inflation of 3.6 per cent, according to a survey by the Chartered Institute of Marketing. Steve Cuthtor-general, said that low inflation in the non-retail part of the economy, which resulted from the strength of the pound, should mean sustainable growth in the medium term. Retailers expect average price rises of 3 per cent this year.

Airline issue

Shares in Bonn's remaining stake in Lufthansa, the state airline, will be issued at 33.30 marks (£11.60) when Germany's biggest public offering in 1997 kicks off on Monday.

Iran buys jets

Iran has announced the purchase of two Airbus jets from France. The aircraft were bought by the staterum Asseman airline and will be delivered next year.

Shell talks

Royal Dutch/Shell, the Anglo-Dutch oil group, said yesterday that it was

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headier mixture of con-cern and bafflement pensions and inflation. When I suggested in this column two weeks ago that annuity rates might fall further. I had not imagined that I would whip up a wave of anxiety among the swollen ranks of the soonto-retire. It is not often that an economist, of all people, inveighs against excessive gloom, but in this case I do.

On the face of it, the matter looks straightforward. If you are in a defined contribution pension scheme then when you retire, the value of your accumulated pension fund is used to buy an annuity, or annual income, which usually remains fixed until you die.

The size of your annual income depends upon both the size of your fund and the level of annuity rates, which are closely linked to the current market rates on long-term gilts. So when gilt rates fall and take annuity rates down with them you will be worse

But the rub, as in all matters of long-term financial arrangements, is that a pound in one period is not the same as a pound in another. This is precisely what drives gilts. The fall in yields this year reflects the market's view that future inflation is likely to be

Gloom about pensions too easily overdone

will be worth more in real terms. Putting it the other way amount can provide the same income in real terms. So annuity rates can be lower and still leave the pensioner

In that case, why the panic about lower prospective pensions? There is one potentially good reason. Not all falls in gilt yields reflect lower expected inflation. If the real yield on gilts falls, then the real value of an annuity will also fall. But if real rates fall, this should support the equity market, thereby increasing the value of the capital sums that are used to purchase annuities.

This is precisely what has happened over the past year as the equity market has soared. It is a bit much to revel in the boost to the value of the fund which lower real rates confer, but simultaneously to complain about lower annuity rates. Swings and roundabouts come to mind.

Yet this is already too complicated. If you speak of real values, most people's eyes glass over. You cannot eat real



That is the great irony, of course. You can only eat real values. With perpetual inflation, a fixed sum of money will

eventually buy you nothing. anxiety, though. Even if lower over a pensioner's lifetime. lower annuity rates imply that it will start lower. For the lower rate of inflation will not yet have had time to offset the reduced money value of the annuity. The benefit will only come through later.

So the effect of lower annuity rates, combined with lower inflation, is to redistribute real

per cent but it subsequently turns out to be 10 per cent. You would soon be in serious difficulties. Still, quite why Fred Bloggs should think himself better able to forecast the future than the international capital markets is bevond me.

Nor is it obvious that if the market is to be wrong about inflation it will be because it proves too optimistic. Inflation may turn out to be much lower than the market expects. After all, that is the story of the last 15 years. And in that case, even though annuity rates are lower, the pensioner could turn out to be better off in real If this has failed to put your

mind at rest, take comfort from looking the worst pos-sible outcome squarely in the face. If gilt yields fell to zero, then annuity rates would be well above this level. For annuities explicitly assume the consumption of the capital over the pensioner's expected life. For a man aged 65, the annuity rate would be about 614 per cent. For a woman of the same age it would be about 5 per cent. No, please do not write to me complaining about another flagrant example of sexual discrimination. In this instance, the discrimi nation is rather difficult to overcome. It derives simply from the fact that, on average women live longer - whatever the yield on gilts.

Historical decorating

The BBC has Changing Rooms and Ground Force and now Channel 5 comes up with a series that filches elements from both. A combination of DIY and game show, it challenges two teams to decorate empty rooms in a given period style in eight hours. The budget, the same as in Ground Force, is £750. Annabel Giles is the breathless host and Hilary Kay, better known as an antiques expert adjudicates. The showbusiness element can be tiresome but the format does involve a substantial element of historical knowledge and for discerning viewers that will be its main point of interest. Tonight's show comes from Bristol where the task is to create an Edwardian kitchen. Everything, from furniture to floor covering, must be true to the times and the essential item is a black cast-iron cooking range.

Channel 4, 9.00pm

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Postponed from September I, when a bad night in Paris was still too fresh in the memory, this documentary from the United States looks at car crash victims and one neorosurgeou's pieneering approach to head injuries. Dr Jam Ghajar, who works in New York, has had spectacular success with patients who have come close to death. He insists this is due not to a miracle but to science. The key to his approach is that much of the injury often occurs after the initial impact. The brain can swell up and if it is not properly monitored and fluid drained from it, the patient can die. Nicole, a high school student, and mne-year-old Alex, both badly injured in car accidents, testify to Dr Jam's method. But it has also provoked controversy and has been rejected by many hospitals as costly and unicessary.

This is a documentary which, given its subject, can hardly miss. Thanks to meningitis, which nearly killed him as a baby, Nick Stephens is very severely disabled. Paralysed from the neck down, he cannot move or breathe without help. He is kept going by a portable life support system and a team



Student Nick Stephens (BBC2, 9.30pm)

of carers. Yet here he is, at 18. studying law at Oxford with every intention of becoming a barrister. Marion Milne's film neither understates the magnitude of Stephens's ambition (the Bar is not the easiest of professions at the best of times) nor tries to sentimentalise his plight. He has his periods of depression, particularly when he feels the lack of a social life. But he is determined not to feel sorry for himself and his tutor speaks warmly of his academic abilities. The film leaves you desperate to know whether he makes it. desperate to know whether he makes it.

BBC2, II. Spm

Sir Denis Forman has been hugely influential in a high-profile medium yet could probably walk down most streets without being recognised. For 40 years he was with Granada Television, ending up as its managing director and chairman. During this time he was associated, to a greater or lesser extent, with such landmarks of the small screen as *Coronation Street, Brideshead Revisited and The Jenel in the Crown. To mark his 80th birthday, and a third volume of memoirs, he faces the unseen Sir Jereny Isaacs to recall Granada's colourful founder. Sidney Bernstein, the early "cowboy" days at ITV and The Jenel in the Crown, which he personally supervised. He reflects, too, on a suffocating childhood, losing a leg in the Second World War and a passion for music.

Holding your ground at the edge of the precipice

After the latest warning for Wall St, Paul Durman looks at fears

over the UK market's future

nvestors cannot say they weren't warned. Alan Greenspan, Chairman of the US Federal Reserve, last week followed December's ket's "irrational exuberance" with a new warning that the investment returns from shares

Combined with the Germanled rise in European interest rates, this message prompted retreats in many of the world's stock markets. Yet, almost immediately, analysts started downplaying the significance of Mr Greenspan's remarks, and shrugging off the threat of an increase in US interest rates. As one US report put it: "Investors were in the mood for bullish comments — and that's what they heard." The upshot was Wall Street and the London market suffered only modest setbacks; the Dow Jones industrial average finished the week above 8,000 and the FTSE 100 ended not far short of its peak at 5,227.3. Many value investors have

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iong argued that most shares are already too expensive on all the old yardsticks - price/ book, price/earnings, dividend yield, whatever. Their caution has often looked badly misplaced. Led by the banks and the pharmaceutical companies, the market has raced ahead against a backdrop of near-unanimity that Britain has joined the US on a sunlit upland where steady growth and low inflation stretch far into the distance.

Those stocks that bargainhunting value investors have found cheap over the past few years have resolutely failed to perform. As a consequence, fund managers that subscribe to the value philosophy have consistently underperformed their peers. PDFM and M&G Group, the investment houses respectively identified as the leading institutional and leading retail adherents to value investing, have both damaged their distinguished long-term performance records.
PDFM's numerous big stakes

US DIVIDEND YIELD AND AVERAGE ANNUAL RETURNS OVER THE MEXT 5 YEARS UK DIVIDEND YIELD AND AVERAGE Current yield 1.66%

> unimpressive companies have become almost a standing joke. Its dogs include Albert Fisher, Allied Domecq, Booker,

Bowing to the pressure, a new and younger M&G man-agement team has tweaked its investment style. It has enjoyed a good August and September.

Sears, Thorn and Willis

But Tony Dye, PDFM's investment director, remains defiant. He is convinced that share prices are too high. Two illustrations: the current p/e on the entire UK market currently stands at almost 20 compared with the historical average of 13. And the dividend yield. PDFM's favourite indicator, has fallen to a historical low of 26 per cent. For Mr Dye, it is not a

question of whether the market will tumble, only of when. This analysis prompted PDFM to withdraw 15 per cent of its clients' funds' cash from equities last year, giving Mr Dye a profile and a label ("controversial") he dislikes in-tensely. That PDFM still retains 45 per cent of its clients' E55 billion in UK equities is primarily a reflection of the restraints imposed by its investment mandates and its sense of commercial self-

Mr Dye argues his case with dozens of slides, including the striking dividend yield bar charts reproduced here. They show what happened to average real returns from equities in the five years after stock markets stood at various dividend yields. Judging by current yields, the outlook looks bleak here and in the US.

Commentators often suggest that the market needs to undergo a modest "correction" to catch its breath before moving higher. But Mr Dye believes the UK and the US are at risk of a much more severe and longer-lasting setback such as befell Japan, whose stock market is still at less than half its 1989 peak. As the table shows, historical comparisons are not

encouraging.
According to PDFM, many investors are making the error of extrapolating the future from the recent past. The annual return on US equities has, since 1982, averaged around 15 per cent, more than in any other 15year period in US history. One reason the market has

Current yield 2.6% Over 5.0 4.5 4.0 3.5 3.0 3.0 2.5 2.0 5.51 10.55 10.50 10.45 10.40 10.35 10.25 10.20 10.15 Over 5.5 5.0 4.5 4.0 3.5 3.5 or 6 10 6.0 10 5.5 10 5.0 10 4.5 10 4.0 less % income on US states at purchase date taken leave of its senses, Mr

lifetime — reducing it at the

beginning, and increasing it at

People tend not to like this,

partly because they are finan-

cially myopic, and partly

because they see the erosion of

real values as an unfortunate and almost accidental occur-

rence. Wouldn't it be nice, they think, if they could have 12 per

cent annuity rates and zero

inflation. But they couldn't, or

not for long anyway, because once the markets are con-

vinced of zero inflation, annu-

ity rates can be nowhere near

So the erosion of real value

in the traditional fixed annuity

pension is not accidental. It is

systematic. Anyone retiring

on such a pension in the last

30 years should have expected

it, and accordingly not spent

all of their pension in the early years in order to eke things

out later. But it is asking a lot

Furthermore, there is the

not insignificant matter of the

market's judgment. Suppose

you retire on an annuity which reflects the market's

of people to do this.

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the end.

Dye believes, is the growing use of derivatives. The market . has become a commodity, driven by the purchase of options on the future level of the FTSE 100, whose movements are increasingly unrelated to the trading performance of its con-

stituent companies.

options, futures and other derivatives contracts runs into trillions of dollars. Yet the information is so sketchy that it is impossible to tell where the exposures lie -- or to assess the risks of a seismic shock to the world's financial markets. Meanwhile, the list of multimillion-pound derivative blunders grows all the time, with NatWest Markets being the

The value of outstanding

latest addition. The scale of derivatives trading hints at the extent of leverage in financial markets large economic interests underpinned by only small down payments. When markets turn, many over-leveraged investors will have to raise cash quickly in order to meet their commitments. The wave of enforced selling that ensues is the classic way in which financial markets become unstable and crash.

r Dye is unconvinced by the liquidity argument - the view that stock market levels are supported by the record flows of money from pensions, personal equity plans and other forms of saving. He suggests investors are only expressing a liquidity preference - as between shares, fixed interest bonds, cash, etc. Japan's higher savings ratio has completely failed to prevent eight years of moribund trading. And he dismisses the suggestion that low inflation will enable companies to grow faster and therefore

justifies higher share prices. Many analysts accept that, on many conventional ratios, markets are expensive. The

difficulty is that in the current benign environment they cannot imagine where the storm clouds are going to come from. Some investors are tempted to believe, because of low inflation or the growing importance of technology, that the world has entered a new era, allowing them to ignore the old warning signals from p/e ratios, divi dend yields and so on.

Mr Dye says: "The deep psychological pressures of buil markets are amazingly strong. Even people who believe things are overheated are terrified of getting off. People just give in. and do things they don't really believe because markets per suade them." Howard Maguire, head of

UK equities at Threadneedle Asset Management, says: "I am as suspicious as the next man of "it's different this time"." None theless, he believes that the value managers have got it wrong, and that apparently expensive growth companies with good cashflows will continue to produce attractive returns.

Even Colin McLean of Scottish Value Management believes many of his peers have failed to recognise the imporrance of intellectual capital and brand values in the modern commercial world. Moreover, Mr Maguire ar-

gues that, when compared with bond yields, equities do not look particularly expensive. And, Mr Maguire says, some value stocks are cheap for the very good reason that the companies are poorly managed or have poor prospects. However, Mr Dye is unper-

suaded that the business world has fundamentally changed. Irrespective of comparisons with bonds, PDFM believes equities are dear in absolute terms - and that means the risks of poor returns are high. That stance looks set to either

break PDFM, or make Mr Dye a hero. Either way he will have to put up with more unwelcome

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Post Script: Poets' Fan Mail

Radio 3.9.45pm

There is so little poetry on the airwaves that this series of short programmes, running each day this week, is very welcome. Each of five poets will read a work specially commissioned by Radio 3 and written in the form of a letter to a poet from the past that the writer particularly admires. Today's opener, The Writing Lark, is, written by Tom Paulin in praise of the early 19th-century peasant poet John Clare, who was to become insane after a life lived in poverty despite some patronage. Paulin is probably best known to a wider audience for his appearances on television's Late Review but his appearances on television's Late Review but his poetry is a delight. The other poets featured this week are Glyn Maxwell, Mark Dory, Kathleen Jamie and Olive Senior.

8.00em Alex Lester 7.30 Serah Kennedy 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debble Thrower 3.00 Ed Stawert 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Humphrey Lyttellon 8.00 Melcohn Laycods with Big Besst, 555; and Dance Bend Days 9.00 Big Band Sheelel Sheet Treats present the RPC Bir Band update Beny Forgle 9.30 Hayes Over Bitteln 10.30 Fichard Allreon 12.05em Steve Medden 3.00 Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00mm The Smaldast Programme 9.00 The Magazina. See Choice 12.00 Midday with Meir 2.00pm Ruscoe on Five 4.00 Nationwide 7.00 Name Bats 7.30 The Monday Match: Elimingham. City V. Wolves 9.30 Footbal Legende: Pat Jennings 10.00 Nams Talk 11.00 Nams Estra 12.00 After Fours 2.00am Up All Night with Rhod Sharp 5.00 Morning Reports

VIRGIN RADIO

5.00mm Jeremy Clark 7.00 Chris Evens 10.00 (FM) Robin Benks (AM) Graham Dene 1.00pm (FM) Nick Abbot (MW) Nicky Home 4.00 Russ 'n' Jono 7.00 (FM) Paul Coyte (AM) Calmin Jones 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00mm Richard Portes

TALK RADIO

am Paul Ross and Carol McGiffen 9,00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Deal 7.00 Anna Risebum 9.00 James Whale 1.00am lan Collins

8.00cm On Air, with Andrew McGregor, including Brahms (Variations and Fugue on a Theme by Handel); Janacek (The Lord's Prayer); Gounod, transor Listz (Waltz, Faust); Nielsen (Pan and Syrink); Mendelssohn (Overture The Fair Melustra); Bruch (Violin Concerto No 1 in G

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Mioming Collection, with Peter Hobday. Includes Handel (Concerto a due Corf No 3 in F); Vaughan Williams (Five Variants of Dives and Lazarus); Brahms (Ctarinet Sonata in F minor)

Musical Encounters, with Chris Wines. Bizet (Card Trio, Cammen); Bartok (Hungarian Peasent Songs); Liszt (Fäte Villegeoise, Grand Gelop Cinconetique); Bizet (Carmen, excerpts); Mozart. (String Guartet in D minor); Handel (Alcina, excerpts); Liszt (Reminiscences from Normal);

excerpts); Liszt (Reminiscences from Norma); Bartok (Romanian Folk Dances); E. Strauss

(Carmen)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Mithail Gilnica

1.00pm News: Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert. Live
from St John's, Smith Square, London. Veilinger
Ouartet. Haydn (Sring Quartet in F sharp minor);
Schoenberg (Sring Quartet in F sharp minor);
Walss. Mendelssohn (Overtre: The Hebrides,
Finger's Cave), under George Hurst, Mendelssohn
(Volin Concerto in E minor); Mahler (Sympthony
No 5), under lon Merin, with Augustin Day, violin

4.00 Music Matters, with Nan Hewett (r)

4.45 Music Machine. Verty Sharp looks at Strauss's
symphonic poem Til Eulenspiegel

Radio 5 Live, 9.00am

All change in one of the BBC's brightest morning All change in one of the BBCs brightest morning slots. Brian Hayes has been presenting The Magazine for some time but the BBC says that he was only ever in place on a temporary basis, hence the arrival, as the new permanent presenter, of Nicky Campbell. Who? Ah, you see you really must start listening to Radio 1. Or perhaps not. Anyway. Campbell is a stalwart of Radio 1 who now brings to The Magazine a somewhat livelier and more inyour-face style than Hayes had. We are told Campbell has always had a keen interest in news and current affairs. He will need it to match the background knowledge that Hayes brought to the key phone in and interview segments in this three-hour programme.

WORLD SERVICE

8.00mm Neveday 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 Paradox 7.30 Omnibus 8.00 News 8.15 Off the Sheft: The Portrait of a Lady 8.30 The Viritage Chart Show 8.00 News; News in German (648 only) 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 International; Question Time 10.40 News 10.05 World World Susiness Report Report 10.15 Erids of the World 10.30 EBC English: 3/risin Now 10.46 Sports Roundup 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Omnibus 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm Jazzmataz 2.100 News; News in German (648 only) 1.05 World World Business Report Report 1.15 Siftsin Today 1.30 Seven Days 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.30 Newsenotr 3.00 News 3.05 Custook 3.30 Chill Out 4.00 World News 4.05 Sports Roundup 4.15 On Your Behalf 4.30 Poly the Quistion 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World World Steiness Report Report 5.45 Spirian Today 6.00 News 6.15 The World Today 6.30 Seven Days; News in German (648 6.15 The World Today 6.30 Seven Days; News In German (648 only) 6.45 Sports Roundup 7.00 Newscleek 7.30 Brain of Britain 6.00 News 8.01 Outlook 8.25 Pause for Thought 8.30 Multitrack Hit List 9.00 Newschour 10.00 News 10.05 World World Business Report. Report 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 Dreams of Lesving: The Story of Human Migration 11.00 Newscleek 11.30 The World Today 11.45 Sports Roundup 12.00 News 12.05em Outlook 12.36 Multitrack Hit List 1.00 Newscleek 1.30 See it My Way 1.45 Britain Today 2.00 Newscleek 2.30 Seven Days 2.45 Poems by Post 3.00 Newscleek 2.30 Seven Days 2.45 Poems by Post 3.00 Newscleek 2.30 Seven Days 2.45 Poems by Post 3.00 Newscleek 3.30 On Screen 4.00 News 4.05 World World Business Report Report 4.15 Sports Roundup 4.30 Europe Today 5.00 Newscleek 5.30 Europe Today

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CLASSIC FM

6.00em Alen Mann 9.00 Henry Kelly, Includes the Classic Masterplece and Hall of Farris Hour 1.00pm Listener Request Hour with Jans Jones 2.00 Concerto. Seint-Seins (Plano Concerto No S in F) 3.00 Nick Balley 7.00 Newsmight with John Concerto No S in 17 3.00 Nick Bailey 7.00 Neweright with John Bruming 7.20 Soneta. Boyce (The Sonata No 2 in F) 8.00 Evening Concert. Mozart (Overture, Don Glovarun); Haydh (Violin Concerto in C); Paderewski (Piano Soneta in E flat minor); Michael Haydh (Veispers for the Feast of the Innocents); Boccherini (Symphony No 6 in A) 10.00 Michael Mappin. Includes Noctume 2.00em Concerto (r) 3.00 Mark Griffiths

5.00 In Tune, Sean Rafferty introduces Irish music from John Field and American music from William Grant Still. Includes Ton Koopman's recording of Schubert's Unfinished Symphony (No 8 in B

Schubert's Unimisned symptomy (No D E) Enthrol
7.30 Performance on 3 (Sounding the Century): Sir
John in Love. Veughan Williams's Shakespeare
comedy: With Donald Maswell, barkone, Susan
Gritton, soprano, Pernela Helen Stephen, mezzo,
Anne-Marie Owens, contraito, Rebecca Evens,
soprano, Stephen Vercoe, bartone, the Joyful
Company of Singers and the Northern Simfonia
under Richard Hickox
9.45 Postacript: Posts' Pam Mail. See Choice (1/5)
10.00 Voices Donizetti Songs., Dennis O'Nelli, tenor,
sings a selection of rare Donizetti songs. With
ingrid Surgenor, plano. Includes II Sospiro; La
Nirna Narria; Le Crepuscule; La Lontonanza;
Meine Liebe; La Sultana; II Pescatore
10.45 Mibring It. The first of a new series with Mark

Meine Liebe; Le Sultana; Il Pescatore

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Russell and Robert Sendell

11.30 Composers of the Westc Dufay, Blinchole and
Their Contemporaries (r)

12.30em Jezz Notes. The trumpeter Howard McGhee
recists his time with Chertie Parker, Coleman
Hawkins and Andy Kirk's bend, in an interview
recorded in 1976

1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod...
Includes 1.00 Marko Kirk, beritone, Natases
Valant, plano, Schubert (Schwanengesang) 1.55
Pollsh NRSO under Kazimierz Kord. Beethoven
(Symphony No 3 in E flat, Eroica) 5.60 Sequence

5.55am (LW) Shipping Forecest 6.00 News Briefing
6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30
Today 8.45 Tips from Women Gardeners. An
anthology of green-lingered women compiled by
Deboreh Calloway, Read by Jane Lapoteire and
Alice Amold (1/5) 8.58 Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week, with the Times
columnist Metivin Bragg
10.00 (FM) News; With Greet Pleasure. Marjorle
Wellace, the journalist and head of Sane, the
organisation for the support of schizophrenics and
their carers, chooses her favourite please of
writing. Read by Arma Massey and Tim PigotiSmith

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10.00 (LW) Daily Service

10.15 (LW) On This Day, with Geoffrey Wheeler

10.30 Woman's Hour. Introduced by Jenni Murray

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11.30 Money Box Live, with Vincent Duggleby

12.20 News; You and Yours, with Mark Whittaker

12.25pm Round Britain Caulz. The South of England
take on Scotland in the caybid quiz chaired by
Nick Clarke 12.55 Weather

1.90 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; The Electric Angel, by Beatrice Colin. A
play set in the late 1960s. With Liam Brennan,
Daircke Davis and Arne Kristen (r)

3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Larrie Taylor

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Lynne Walker talks to
David Heig shout his new play about Kopling, and
considers what keppens to a place of classical

music after the premiers — is it ever heard again?

4.45 Short Story: The Right Spot, by Patrick Skene
Cating. Read by David Kally
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
8.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 News Quiz. This week's penel includes Frances
Wheen, Jeremy Hardy and the Times columnist
Alan Coren (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme David Constitution

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7.20 The Food Programme. Derek Cooper tastes the produce at Britain's first termers' market in Bath (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: The Story of Jude, by Geoffrey Beevers. A man gives up his possessions to work with the homeless. With Larry Lamb and Susan Wooldridge
9.15 Colour Radio. An aural exploration of the colour mean (r).

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9:30 Kelefdoscope (f) 9:59 Weather
10:00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10:45 Booler at Bedtime. An extract from The Essence of This by Madeline St John (6/7)
11:00 Comparing Notes with Brian Key. Brian Key investigates the workings and repertoire of planoles and player planos with Rex Lawson and Denis Hall (f)

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11.30 Ballyleron. The first of a four-part cornedy drama series by Christopher Faz-Simon, set in Bellyleron, Co Donegal, With Siella McCuster, Margaret D'Arcy and T.P. McKenna (r)

12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book: The Drowned World, by J.G. Balland, Read by Nicholes Farrell (4/10) (r) (4/10)-(7)
72.48 (LW) Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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The eyes have it down in rural thriller land

drifted during A Dance to the Music of Time and who finished Thursday night still not entirely sure which of our trio of tall, dark handsome young men was James Purefoy, Bright Hair (BBCI, Saturday and Sunday) offered a second chance. He was the one in the glasses and corduray jacket, which must have been a nice change after all those dirner jackets and stiff collars,

Still playing a would-be writer. though, and still playing opposite members of the Fox family. If it's Thursday, it must be Edward Fox giving it a-plenty as the elusive Uncle Giles. Thankfully, however, it was the weekend, which meant that the girl in the school dress and straw boater must be Emilia Fox.

Whether she passed muster as a 15-year-old I shall leave to those. whose knowledge of teenage girls is rather more current than mine. But she seemed convincing en-

clear that Ann Devenish was no Marple country you know you've ordinary teenager. For a start, at gone too far. moments of high drama (we were three bodies down by the end of part one) her beautiful brown eyes would go black and starey. The fiend of Ashminster had struck with the contact lenses again.

Ann's eyes were just one of several oddities that all led to the same question on Saturday night: just how scriously were we supposed to be taking this? A deeply gruesome corpse at the first crime scene suggested an answer of very", but then the doubts set in. Two very slightly over-the-top performances, from Jim Carter as Ann's father and Victoria Wicks as her headmistress, suggested that this wasn't real life after all, a suggestion that a camera pretending to be a baddie behind a tree later confirmed. We were in rural thriller land, which if you don't know it, is down the M4-

ough, especially as it soon became and ... well, if you get to Miss

In rural thriller land, people think nothing of teenage girls who keep popping up at crime scenes suffering from amnesia, clutching - or latterly driving - a large piece of evidence; nor indeed of good-looking English masters, who urge their blossoming pupils to "be true only to your talent"

le fimished Saturday's episode thinking they were both as mad as each other. Which is pretty much where we ended last night's conclusion, too, a curious lack of progress which made the dénouement more interesting than thrilling. Mind you, if you began the evening already knowing that Donne was a dualist, I'm not absolutely sure it would count even as that. Still, Fox will have done her budding reputation no harm, while Oliver Mil-



Matthew

Bond

burn, who played her teenage admirer. Lawrence, impressively sured he has a reputation to build on. As for Purefoy, it's back to cockail parties and "Ah. Stringham". I wonder if he's had enough of would-be writers yet? My own little dance with time took me to the Natural History

Museum last week, where I lis-

tened to David Attenborough talk

about, well natural history, and

bumped into an old university friend, now editor of The Natural World. "Ah, Stringham," I began. He looked puzzled, which as his name is Neil is probably fair.

Anyway it was the sort of evening when everyone was so enthusiastic about natural history the evening marked the 40th birthday of the BBC's Natural History Unit) that I went to bed fully resolved to be a wildlife cameraman when I grew up. When I woke and remembered I was grown up (despite a rather adolescent headache suggesting otherwise) the best plan B was to be nicer about what they do. Thankfully, The Animal Zone

(BBC2) makes that pretty easy.
It's just such a good idea, linking assorted wildlife programmes across the hour-and-a-half of late Sunday afternoon when there's nothing else to watch. The two bits I caught up with were Chimpanzee Diary, which involved an

improbably glamorous animal behaviourist chasing chimpanzees through the jungle with a video camera; and Africa's Forgotten Elephants, which didn't.

Torgotten elephants turned out to be slightly stretching a point. Had she stayed at home watching television rather than studying savannah elephants in Kenya. Cynthia Moss would certainly have known about the desert elephants of Namibia. They're the ones that surf down sand-dunes, right? As it turned out they didn't have any footage of elephants performing that particular trick (honestly they do), but as they did have pictures of beach elephants using their trunks as snorkels, I forgave them.

The narration, both Moss's own and Attenborough's afterthoughts, had been cleverly written to appeal to a wide age range and was unashamedly pro-ele-

phant. The one omission, it seemed to me, was that having dropped in on elephants across the full geographical range of Africa, they didn't look at an area where elephant over-population is the problem. Unless, of course, the documentaries that alerted me to that particular problem are now out of date.

I watched The Liners (Channel 4. Saturday) simply because I like big ships and because even as we watched Canberra was en route to a Pakistani scrapyard. The series itself turned out to be Australianmade, educational in tone and the proud possessor of an extraordinarily florid commentary. Liners, we learnt, to the accompaniment of trumpets, "were like rockets of the space age, pinnacles of human achievement, representing industrial and technological might". Some fascinating archive footage was best watched with the sound

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9.55 Kilroy (T) (3301972) 10.35 Change That (8212752) 11.00 News (I) and weather (7774348) 11.05 The Really Useful Show (T) (7707874) 11.35 Room for Improvement The home of one of Ireland's top interior designers (r)

12.00 News (1) and weather (8084597) 12.05pm Call My Bluff (7820874) 12.35 Going for a Song (5502435) 1.00 News (T) and weather (97684) 1.30 Regional News (T) (73571023) 1.40 The Weather Show (75135526) 1.45 Neighbours (T) (71380435) 2.10 Quincy (r) (8219481) 3.00 Through the Keyhole (r) (1541058) 3.25 The Realty Useful Show Update

3.30 Playdays (r) (8006981) 3.50 Enchanted Lands (9597690) 4.00 Roald Dahl's Revolting Recipes (8327955) 4.15 Noeh's Island (T) (6262232) 4.40 Goosebumps (T) (3915706) 5.00 Newsround (T) (2019665) 5.10 Blue Peter

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (404023) 6.00 News (T) and weather (690) 6.30 Regional News (T) (482) 7.00 This is Your Life Michael Aspel surprises

another unsuspecting personality with the Big Red Book (1) (2348) 7.30 Here and Now: Stient Witness? Chris-Choi investigates the growing number of cases: of saxual abuse of people with learning or physical disabilities that never go to court because the victims are not leemed competent witnesses (T) (226) 8.00 EastEnders The events of the past few days take their loll on the lacksons.

Lorraine's planned move to Botton does not go down well with Jos (1) (5868 8.30 A Prince Among Men Gary emberts on the deunting task of orchestrating a reconcillation with his family (1) (2413) 9.00 News (T) regional news and weather

(8955) 9.30 Bloomin' Marvellous Liz contends with Jack's feer of flying and the squabbling grandmothers-to-be (T) (40145)

19.00 Perforame in-depth current affeirs (T) (708771)...

10.40 Full Circle with Michael Palin (r) (T) (232313)11.35 Film '97 with Barry Norman Reviews of

Wildle, starting Stephen Fry, Shooting Fish, a British comedy, and subUrble, about a successful rock star returning home (1) (577313)

12.05am The Picture of Dorlan Gray (1945)
Haunting Oscar Wilde story about a Victorian rake who keeps a portrait of himself in the attic — a picture which shows his true age and depravity while he stays etamatly young. With Hurd Hatfield, George Sanders and Angela Lansbury. Directed by Albert Lawin (1) (855424) 1.50 Weather (1899240)

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1.10 The Countryside Hour (7543023) 2.10 Indoor Bowlet Bupe Open from Preston's Guild Hell (94442313) 8.00 The Simpeons New series Homer orders Bart to take the family's naughty hound in hand (T) (427400)

6.25 Battlestar Galactica (r) (T) (504874) 7.10 The Car's the Star The new series begins with the E-type Jaguar (T) (967232).

7.30 Oil on Canvas The various techniques of applying paint to the canvas. Last in series (7) (868)

8.00 Decisive Weapons The F117A Stealth fighter Last in series (T) (5110) 8.30 Two Fat Ladies prepere an elaborate

pionic for the members of Colwyn Male Voice Choir (1) (8145) 9.00 Absolutely Fabulous (r) (T) (4597) Pictura This Nick Stephens overcame severe disabilities to attudy law at Oxford (1) (48787)

10.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks Former 1 DJ Lisa l'Anson; M. People percussionist Shovell and singer Richard Fairbress join, regular captains Sean Hughes and Phill Jupitus (1) (29110) 10.39 Newsnight (T) (848503)



Sir Denis Forman (11.15pm)

Face to Face. Sir Denis Forman discusses his long career in broadcasting (173961) 11.55 Weather (372955) 12.05am The Phil Silvers Show (b/w) (t)

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12.20-Learning Zone: The Making of Kate
Adle (1819646) 12.45 Valued
Environments, Environmental Values (I)
(8000608) 1.35 Going with the Plow
(8376630) 2.00 Signed Landmarks—
Portrait of British (18948) 4.00 Everybody (4364578) Here Spoke Sign-Language (74849) 5,80-6,00 Business and Training (89337)

HTV 6.00am GMTV (4008874) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (T) (3788139) 9.55 Regional News (7284874) 10,00 The Time, the Place (49503)

10.30 This Morning (T) (77551481) 12.20pm Regional News (8073481) 12.30 News (1) and weather (5598232) 12.55 High Road (5400023) 1,25 Home and Away (1) (76860110)

1.50 Staying Aflost (1993) with Larry
Hagman and Eric Christmas. A
dishinherited spendthrift joins
forces with a Federal investigator and operates as an undercover agent from his yacht off the Florida coast to track down a murderous comman (1414923)

3.20 News (4814771) 3.25 Regional News (4813042) 3.30 Tots TV (8000503) 3.40 The Slow Norris (9593874) 3.50 Wolves, Witches and Giants (8011619) 4.05 Sooty and Co (T) (6171936) 4.25 Sabrina the Teenage Witch (r) (f) (6180684) 4.50 How 2 (f)

(3906058) 5.10 WALES: House Following the transformation of a derelict Victorian house (r) (T) (3972503) 5.10 We Are Seven (3972503)

5.40 Nows (I) and weather (750329) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (421226) 6.25 Regional Weather (403435) 6,30 Regional News (110)

7.00 Telking Telephone Numbers with (7416) 7.30 Coronation Street Leanne and Toyah try to contact the dead (I)

8.00 World in Action The conclusion of a year-long investigation into the behaviour of chemical companies and government based pesticides (2/2) (1) (6856)



8.30 Michael Barrymore's Strike it Rich Game show (1) (2771) 9.00 Nosh's Ark Tom considers his future at

10.00 News at Ten (T) and weather (23936) 10.30 Regional News and weather (140023) 10.40 Nash Bridges (T) (313232) 11.40 Highlander (183868)

12.55mm-1.25 A Country Practice (5400023) 1.50 Blue Hoolers (9912684) 2.50-3.20 High Road (9326690) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (3972503)

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5.20 Asian Eve (7020998)

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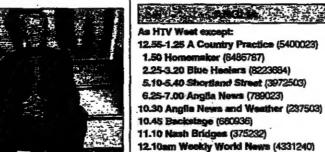
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12.10 The Loop (4331240) 5.00 Freescreen (79714)

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Earlier (3058) 12.00pm Right to Reply
(26077) 12.30 Montel Williams (53619) 1.00
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(32446619) 1.30 The Liners (40874) 2.30 Wild
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5.55am Sesame Street (88077)

7,00 The Big Breekfast (83435) 9.00 Schools: The English Programme (1) (3774394) 9.25 Schools at Work (3557787) 9.30 Geography Junction (1) (8520313) 9.45 Book Box (1) 10.00 Stage Two Science (1) (8525688) 10.15 Rat-s-Tat-Tat (47745) 10.30 Place and Receipt (1) 15.60 Stage Lock Listen (1) People (T) 10.50 Slop, Look, Listen (T) (7422752) 11.00 Living and Growing (3111351) 11.15 The Mix (6349619)

11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier Tomato and prawns; cinnamon pork with oregano; lemon and almond biscult (3058) 12.00 Sesame Street (26077)

12.30pm Light Lunch (49145)

1,30 The Web Animated series on endangered species (85030972) 1.35 Pinky (1949, b/w) starring Jeanne Crain.
A drama about racial Intolerance in America's Deep South. Directed by Elia Kazan (T) (40083706)

3.30 Collector's Lot (T) (418) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (333) 4.30 Countdown (T) (8739665) 4.55 Montel Williams (T) (8658394) 5.39 Pet Rescue (T) (787) 6.00 Home Improvement American comedy

6.30 Hollyoaks Teen soap (T) (752) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (283684)

7.50 Beyond the Booker The first of tour nightly reflections by personalities on the Booker prize. Beginning with the novelist Q, author of Dead Meet (T) (307232)

8.00 Wild Tales from National Geographic: Crocs and Gators Comparing and contrasting the lives of young alligators in freshwaters of the Everglades with that of a young crocodile in the salt water



Dr Jam Ghalar (9.00pm)

9.00 Equinox Come A documentary following leading American neurosurgeon, Dr Jam Ghaiar, as he treats a nine-year-old, hit by a car in New York, with his revolutionary techniques (1) (2435)

10.00 NYPD Blue: I Love Lucy Kirkendali comes to the aid of an old high school friend (1) (348313) 10.65 The Booker on Four Melvyn Bragg chairs a discussion on the state of fiction. With Mertin Amie, Lisa Jerdine, Salman

Rushdie and Gore Vidal (T) (317058) 11.55 The American Football Big Match Highlights from the weekend's NPL games (373619)

1.15em Trans World Sport (810337) 2.15 But - Seriousty Historical news tootage combined with hysterical comedy performances (r) (252559)

3.45 Unsigned A painter loses his inspiration and makes a pact with a tramp (29339356) 4.00 Schools: The New Living Body (68269)

CHANNEL S ON SATELLITE

Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 83 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a Videocrypt decoder will be able to receive the channel free of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 83 are picture: 10.92075 GHz; sound: 7.02 and 7.20 MHz. 7.02 and 7.20 MHz

6.00em 5 News Early (2850139) 7.30 Milkshake (7873936) 7.35 USA High (r) (8949078) 8.00 Havakazoo (r) (8327435) 8.30 WideWorld A series exploring the development of cities (9/12) (8326706)

9.00 Espresso (5599787) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (6165110) 10.30 Animal Calypso (r) (Teletext) (8233042) 11.00 Leeze Chat show (7416905) 11.50

Double Espresso (44221058) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (1) (8224394) 12.30pm Family Alfairs (r) (T) (2211315) 1.00 5 News (99197619) 1.05 Sunset Beach (T) (1274771) 2.00 5's Company (4631077)

3.30 Broken Promise (1981) with Chris Sarandon and Melissa Michaelsen. A made-for-television metodrama about five children abandoned by their parents,

Directed by Roger Gimbel (3691936) 5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (55910145) 5.30 Whittle (T) (8300058)

6.00 100 Per Cent (8227771) 6.30 Family Affairs (T) (8218023)

7.00 Exclusive With Boy George standing in for presenter Julia Bradbury (6075313) 7,30 Beestly Britain How large coveys of partridges have been steadily disappearing from Britain's countryside (1) (8310435)



Period Rooms A new 13-part interior design series presented by Annabel Giles, which challenges two teams to decorate a room in a specific period style. Tonight the teams are given £750 and eight hours to create an Edwardian kitchen (T) (6157961)

2.30 5 News (T) (6070868)

9,00 The Sweeney: Poppy Regan and Carler are on the trail of a fugitive who has returned to Britain to reclaim some loot (3284690) 10,00 Wing and a Prayer Legal drama series

(T) (3294077) 11.00 The Jack Docherty Show Chat and comedy (5678394) 11,45 Prisoner: Cell Block H (8943058)

12.45em Live and Dangerous Sports magazine (24349795) 3.45 Asian Football Show (2971998) 4.35 The Streets of San Francisco Police

5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (5474424)

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6.00em Morning Glory (669145) 9.00 Regional Kathle Lee (52110) 19.00 Another World (24706) 11.00 Days of Our Lives (31042) 12.00 Open's Wintrey (8790) 1.00em Geraldo (90110) 2.00 Selly Jessy Rephael (97110) 3.00 Jenny Jones (98674) 4.00 Open's Wintrey (83351) 5.00 Ser Treit. The Next Generation (2503) 5.00 The Live 6 Show (9856) 6.30 Marmed — with Children (6435) 7.00 The Simpsons (3232) 7.30 Marsh-H (2619) 8.00 Ser Treit Deep Spece Nina (28981) 9.00 Policargest: The Legacy (4297) 10.00 Siders (4884) 11.00 Sider Treit. The Next Generation (25436) 12.00 Lefe Show with David Lefterman (13172) 1.00em Long Pley (142837) SKY NEWS

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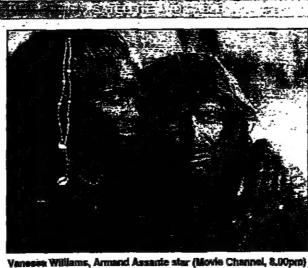
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BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft

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Treasury model supports a successful entry to EMU

THE Treasury's own model of the economy suggests that Britain could successfully join the European single currency in 1999 as long as taxes are raised to prevent a boom in the

This is the conclusion of the Ernst & Young ITEM Club, the only private sector organisation with

access to the Treasury's econometric model. The results of its simulation are likely to be of acute interest to Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, who is widely assumed to be pushing a pro-single currency agen-

da within the Government.
John Gaster, ITEM's chief economist, decided to run the model to analyse the implications of entry in 1999 and see whether the results that the British economy would be blown apart" by such a move. He claims surprise at the relatively benign message which the exer-

cise turned up. ITEM decided to set an exchange rate at entry of DM2.85, roughly where the pound is currently trad-ing. The model suggests that, as long as fairly robust action were taken to contain activity in the housing market, joining the single

currency would not lead to the inflationary boom that many fear. On entry, short-term interest rates would fall initially to 4.5 per cent — the average of European interest rates which is thought likely

and monetary union. To counter the threat of a consumer and housing market boom, ITEM proposes a cut in mortgage interest tax relief (Miras) from 10

to prevail at the start of economic

per cent to zero in April 1999, and two successive 10 per cent increases in council tax, in 1999 and 2000. These measures would take 13 billion out of the economy.

TIEM argues that, as long as a targeted fiscal rightening of this kind were to be embraced, inflation would ease after entry into the single currency and that prices would fall by the end of 2001.

eyes of the Treasury model, EMU entry in 1999 could well succeed at the cost of bearable and relatively

short-term pain for consumers, house-owners and exporters. Higher taxes and a relatively firm exchange rate would help to slow economic growth down to 2 per cent from 3.5 per cent estimated for this year. ITEM noted that, by 2002, adjustment to membership of the entry would have occurred. euro would have occurred.

Renewed offer for Smith to tackle debt fear

BY MARTIN WALLER

TIM WATERSTONE will this week renew his bid to take over his former employer, WH Smith, with a fresh offer that leaves his buyout vehicle with

significantly less debt. He and SBC Warburg, the merchant bank, are drawing up new proposals to be put to the WH Smith board after talks between his team and City institutions speaking for about half Smith's share capital.

No formal approach has yet been received by the retailer.
Asked whether one would be considered, a spokesman last night said: "If Tim Waterstone puts a proposal to us which is interesting and retail." interesting and new, then yes." Mr Waterstone's new plan

is expected to offer WH Smith shareholders about 150p in cash per share, plus matching equity to let them participate in the group's commung performance. An earlier plan to offer E2 a share in cash was criticised for leaving the buy-out too encumbered with debt.

Mr Waterstone, who created the bookshop chain bearing his name and then sold it to WH Smith, has also bowed to pressure to reduce the value of his Daisy & Tom children's clothing and toys retailer in his proposals. This would previously have been sold to the bidding vehicle for £35 million, but its price is likely to be cut to just £9 million, with deferred consideration of up to £30 million if certain targets are met.
Richard Handover, WH

Smith's new chief executive, is to start his own charm offensive in the City this week. He will meet institutions for first time on Thursday and Friday. Mr Waterstone proposes

if his bid is eventually launched and is successful — to sell various WH Smith assets, including its share in the Our Price music chain, and to concentrate on the core business. However, his plans may meet further opposition from the incumbent management, which may choose to do this itself rather than bring in an outside management vehicle.

BAT insurance plotting merger deal with Zurich

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

BAT INDUSTRIES has announced merger talks with a huge Swiss insurance company to create one of the world's biggest players in financial services, with a value of £20 billion or more.

A deal would also bring closer BAT's long-awaited plans to demerge its insurance operations from cigarette manufacturing. The company was refusing

to comment further but confirmed talks with Zurich Insurance that would create a Zurich-based business with a stock market quotation_in London and Switzerland. The Swiss company would have a majority stake of 55 per cent in the merged group, with BAT holding the rest. Rolf Hüppi. the Zurich chairman, would be chairman and chief execu-

tipped as a front runner to

buy the BZW investment

for sale by Barclays (Adam

CSFB, located just a

stone's throw from BZW's

offices at Canary Wharf,

London, said it would not

comment on market specu-

tive, although Sandy Leitch, head of BAT's business, would have a job. But there are unlikely to be job losses because BAT's financial services businesses are run as separate entities, without a sizeable head office. It's about growth rather than cost-cutting," said one insider.
The two companies have

been in discussions for some time, but there was concern last night that a successful outcome could be prejudiced by the early disclosure. Apparent leaks to the weekend press forced a statement confirming discussions "which may or may not lead to a merger ..." BAT owns the Eagle Star

and Allied Dunbar, the Farmers US operation and Threadneedle Asset Management. This summer Zurich

der after other investment

banks ruled themselves out.

any, an early favourite for

the BZW equities and corpor-

ate finance operations, has said that it will not bid, as

has ABN Amro, the Dutch

bank. Paribas, of France, has admitted interest in the two

BZW businesses.

Commerzbank, of Germ-

bought Scudder, Stevens & Clark, the US fund manager, to add to its existing Kemper Corporation fund management arm and is known to be looking for other acquisitions. A merger could be agreed in the next few weeks and would leave Martin Broughton.

BAT's chief executive, to run the group's tobacco interests. Last year BAT, which has made no secret of its wish to expand in financial services to achieve the necessary critical mass to compete on the world stage, abandoned talks with Commercial Union after a failure to agree the structure of any merged group. This prob-lem appears to have been overcome in talks with the Swiss by putting the latter in

Zurich's market capitalisation is about £12 billion. As part of a conglomerate, BAT's financial services side is more difficult to value, but analysts estimate perhaps £10 billion.

The news is likely to be welcomed by the London market when trading opens this morning. BAT has been striving to demerge its two quite impetus has come from moves towards settlement of various legal actions against tobacco makers in the US. In addition, possible UK government plans to scrap advance corporation tax would benefit a stand-alone tobacco business.

THE American love affair

is going from strength to strength, in spite of some

apparently outrageous abuses. The average chief executive of a publicly held US

company was paid \$2 million

in share options last year, up by more than 50 per cent on

the previous year.

A survey by KPMG, the

average US chief executive's

annual base salary of \$600,000 is being more than quadrupled by incentive plans. The highest salaries are

in the telecommunications

Controversy over US corpo-rate salaries has been rekin-

dled by news last week that

Occidental Petroleum is pay-

ing Ray Irani, its chairman,

\$95 million to rip up his

contract, which was so gener-

ous that it was threatening the

Don Sagolla, the KPMG

partner in its performance

and compensation consulting

practice, said: "The entertain-

ment and telecommunications

industries are especially fo-

cused on stock compensation.

oil group's financial health.

shows that the



Employees of Dresdner Kleinwort Benson test the London Stock Exchange's new electronic trading service

Purves to retire at HSBC

BY ADAM JONES

HSBC HOLDINGS yesterday confirmed City speculation that Sir William Purves will retire as chairman next May, to be succeeded by John Bond, the current chief executive.

The City is expected to take the news of the departure of one of its most respected bankers in good heart today. His retirement on May 31 did

with the typical CEO receiving

over \$3 million in long term

incentives, mostly stock op-

tions. Boards of directors and

shareholders want CEOs to think and act like owners."

In the KPMG sample of 146

US companies, the average

chief executive would receive a

quarter of his remuneration as

base salary. Another quarter

would come from annual in-

centives and 50 per cent or

more would come from long-

term incentive plans.
In companies that have out-

performed markets and rivals.

base salary amounts to only 15 per cent of the total and long-

term incentives make up 60

per cent. In underperforming

companies, base salaries ac-

count for 35 per cent of the

package and long-term incen-

tives less than 50 per cent. Mr Sagolla said: "Informa

tion, communications and ent-

ertainment companies are

dealing with mergers and acquisitions, IPOs [mittal public

offerings), new regulations

and more. Although there is

unpredictability, the opportu-

nities for rewards are tremen-

dous -- both for the chief exec-

unive and the shareholders."

Telecoms leads as

options boost pay

of US executives

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

William would announce his retirement at the start of next year. Sir William, 65, joined the

group, which owns Midland Bank, in 1954. He became chairman of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in 1986 and then HSBC Holdings in 1991.

As part of a reshuffle across the group, Keith Whitson, 54.

deflected from its recent profit- chief executive of Midland Bank and an HSBC employee since 1961, will succeed Mr Bond as HSBC chief executive. where ruthless traders input Mr Bond, 56, has occupied the absurd orders - say, to buy at position since 1992.

One analyst suggested that the new management team would be a bit grey after the departure of Sir William, who won a DSO for bravery in Korea. But the analyst said Mr Bond and Mr Whitson had both done excellent jobs. SEVERAL Stock Exchange member firms are to forbid staff from offering to deal "at best price" when electronic trading starts on October 20. The brokers are worried they will be ripped-off by the

lp - to trap the unwary when liquidity in a stock is poor. The Exchange said that Saturday's final rebearsal was a success. It added that the system had again proved robust in extreme testing.

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CSFB tipped for BZW

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ton was yesterday being most credible potential bid-

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TOMORROW Ros Snowdon, right, talks to marketing guru Fiona Gilmore

WEDNESDAY Cuba: not just cigars, increasingly a magnet for British investment

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Federal 'set to make bid for T&N'

Federal-Mogul, the American engineer, is thought to be readying a El.4 billion take-over bid for T&N, the British car components group and the subject of takeover speculation

on the London market. The terms are still being decided, but the Americans are hoping to arrange an agreed deal with Sir Colin Hope, T&N's chairman, and other directors as early as this week. The new offer is expect ed to be pitched at about 260p to 270p a share, against the 235p Federal-Mogul has already indicated it would pay. It is hoped that this will be enough to deter other bidders and secure the approval of the T&N board.

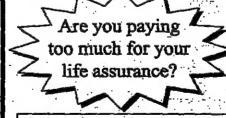
Bovis float

P&O, the transport and shipping group, will this week start the task of selling Bovis. its housebuilding business, to the stock market in preparation for a flotation next month. The company is expected to announce the timetable for the float, which will see Bovis shares trading for the first time at the start of December. and the appointment of a stockbroker. Analysts think the business is worth about £250 million. Hambros Bank has been appointed adviser to the issue. The float is by means of a placing with City

Winning name

A 68-year-old customer from Northern Ireland has come up with Arcadia as the new umbrella name for the corporate owner of Burton's multiple retailing businesses, including the men's wear shops, Dorothy Perkins and Principles, after the proposed demerger of the Debenhams department stores. Alan Gregson, a former chief brewer, emerged as winner in the competition to find a new name organised by the group. His reward is a two-week holiday in St Lucia.

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